

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

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

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

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, October 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 Napoleone, Councilman; and Tanya Siskind, Councilwoman.

Council Members absent: Michael Drahos, Councilman.

Advisors to the Council: Paul Schofield, Manager; Laurie Cohen, Attorney; Jim Barnes, Assistant Manager; Tanya Quickel, Director of Administrative and Financial Services; and Chevelle D. Nubin, Village Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Gerwig called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Cub Scout Troop #208 led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **INVOCATION** - Peter Bartuska, Pastor, Christ Community Church, delivered the invocation.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Schofield indicated staff recommended approval of the Agenda as amended:

- 1) Add to Presentations and Proclamations as Item 5B, Proclamation Recognizing the Wellington Seniors Club, Inc. on their 25th Anniversary.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor McGovern, seconded by Councilman Napoleone, and unanimously passed (4-0), to approve the Agenda as amended.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. 17-1640 PRESENTATION OF 2017 WELLINGTON TOP FIREFIGHTER AWARD

Mr. Schofield introduced the item.

Ms. Nubin explained that annually the Village Council recognizes those public safety personnel who have been nominated as Wellington's Top Cop and Top Firefighter. The award for the 2017 Wellington Top Cop was presented at the September 26th Council meeting. For the 2017 Wellington Top Firefighter Award, Battalion Chief Ernst Muller of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue nominated Firefighter/Paramedic Bradlee Doerzbacher and Firefighter/Paramedic Jesse Bogle as candidates. These nominations were presented to Wellington's Public Safety Committee for consideration at their June 28th meeting. The Committee selected Firefighter/Paramedic Doerzbacher as Wellington's Top Firefighter for 2017.

Ms. Paulette Edwards, Community Services Director, introduced District Chief Bill Rowley and Battalion Chief Kenny Woodridge. They both commented on how nice it is to present an award that is given by the shift commanders and the guys who are working and running calls with Firefighter/Paramedic Doerzbacher. They said he brings quality to the organization and has a lot of dedication to the job and to EMS in particular. They stated Firefighter/Paramedic Doerzbacher prides himself on maintaining the knowledge required and does a great job teaching his talents and skills to those in his profession.

Firefighter/Paramedic Doerzbacher stated while it was nice to be recognized as an individual, it is very much a reflection of the organization as a whole. He said he is thankful for being a part of this great organization, and he considers himself blessed to be able to work in this county and city.

Mayor Gerwig thanked the Wellington Public Safety Committee for selecting the final candidate, because they are all heroes and it is not easy.

The Council members each thanked Firefighter Doerzbacher for what he does every day and congratulated him on receiving this award. They also thanked Palm Beach County Fire Rescue for their great partnership and for keeping their residents safe.

B. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE WELLINGTON SENIOR'S CLUB, INC. ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. Tony Alfalla, President of the Wellington Seniors Club, thanked Council for the proclamation. He said he was proud to represent the Wellington Seniors. He stated their recent party was great, as 155 people danced and enjoyed themselves.

Mr. Howard Trager stated it has been a delight publishing the Golden Banner and hoped it would continue for another eighteen years. On behalf of the 700 members, volunteers and past presidents of the Wellington Seniors Club, Inc., he thanked Council for the recognition and support. He stated the Seniors Club was a reflection of the community, as the Village has helped make it what it is today.

Mayor Gerwig stated Council understood that it takes a lot of work to manage and lead this club. She thanked Mr. Alfalla and Mr. Trager, as well as their other halves and other members, for all they do.

Council congratulated the Wellington Seniors Club on their 25th Anniversary. They also thanked the Club for keeping their seniors engaged and active, for being an important part of the community, and for being a great partner with the Village of Wellington. Council stated they

were honored to attend the Seniors Club 25th Anniversary Gala, as it was very impressive and they all had a wonderful time.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 17-1652** MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2017
- B. 17-1537** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A TASK ORDER TO PROVIDE HYDROGEOLOGIC CONSULTING SERVICES FOR GROUNDWATER MODELING SERVICES
- C. 17-1622** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A MARTIN COUNTY CONTRACT WITH WHARTON-SMITH, INC., FOR HEADWORKS REPAIRS AT THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY
- D. 17-1624** APPROVE WELLINGTON WIZARDS RUGBY CLUB AS A RECOGNIZED SPORTS PROVIDER
- E. 17-1657** RESOLUTION NO. R2017-54 (AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE 1ST AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY – HOMELESS RESEARCH CENTER): A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON'S COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR VICE MAYOR AND THE VILLAGE CLERK TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY TO REFER AND TRANSPORT HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS TO THE HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Schofield stated staff recommended adoption of the Consent Agenda as presented.

A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Councilwoman Siskind, and unanimously passed (4-0), to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mayor Gerwig indicated one public comment card was received.

1. Michael Mishkin, 11472 Paradise Cove Lane, Wellington. Mr. Mishkin, as President of the Isles at Wellington Community Association and on behalf of them, expressed deep gratitude for the support given by the Village, Vice Mayor McGovern, Mr. Jim Barnes, Mr. Bruce Wagner, Ms. Shannon LaRocque, and staff, as they did a marvelous job supporting the Isles' efforts in recovering from Hurricane Irma, coordinating and dispatching resources, and keeping everyone informed. He stated it was tremendously successful and it expedited the Isles' ability to recover and mitigate their costs. He said the Isles is back and it is almost as pretty as it ever has been.

Mr. Mishkin stated it has been a couple of years since he has visited Council. He said the Isles has been very busy, as they have a new telecom provider and state-of-the-art internet infrastructure that provides the fastest speeds. He stated the Isles just invested \$300,000 into its clubhouse. He invited Council to come visit when it opens in a few weeks. He said this was just another indication of the strength of the community, its commitment to the future, and its willingness to invest in the resources and amenities needed.

Mr. Mishkin thanked the Village for the preparation, the planning, the coordination and the logistics. He said it was great model of public/private cooperation that really advantaged the Isles.

Mayor Gerwig stated it makes it easier to serve on this Council when they network with the HOAs that manage the neighborhoods. She said she knows it is a lot of work, but Council's job is much easier when the HOA is this good. She stated the Village is glad to be their partner and wants to work with the Isles at Wellington any way they can. She said they will send Mr. Barnes to see their new clubhouse. She thanked the HOAs for the work that they do. She thought it was similar to the Seniors Club, as they are managing things and taking care of problems that would normally end up in front of Council. She thanked Mr. Mishkin for his dedicated work.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. 17-1547** ORDINANCE NO. 2017-20 (FY 2017/2018 ANNUAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT UPDATE OF WELLINGTON'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN): AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL UPDATING THE WELLINGTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY INCORPORATING THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND REVISIONS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT TO REFLECT THE 2017/2018 THROUGH 2022/2023 FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR LEVEL OF SERVICE PROJECTS; AND UPDATING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY; AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO UPDATE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Schofield introduced the item. Ms. Nubin read the Ordinance by title.

Mr. Basehart explained that state law requires the Village to annually update its Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan to reflect its adopted Capital Improvements Program for level of service projects. He said the Village is also required to include the School Board's Capital Improvements Program. He indicated this is what is before Council tonight, as it is basically a reporting exercise. He stated it does not change anything the Council has done with respect to the Village Capital Improvements Program.

Mr. Schofield indicated 117 municipalities and 67 counties in the state of Florida are required to do this.

Mr. Basehart stated the second reading is the same as the first reading.

Public Hearing

A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Vice Mayor McGovern, and unanimously passed (4-0), to open the Public Hearing.

There being no public comments, a motion was made by Vice Mayor McGovern, seconded by Councilman Napoleone, and unanimously passed (4-0), to close the Public Hearing.

Mayor Gerwig stated the bottom line was much larger in the School District's Capital Improvement Plan compared to the Village. She said this information was available to anyone who wanted to compare them.

A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Councilwoman Siskind, and

unanimously passed (4-0), to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-20, (FY 2017/2018 Annual Capital Improvement Element Update of Wellington's Comprehensive Plan) as presented.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

A. 17-1567 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A TASK ORDER TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR WASTEWATER PUMP STATION UPGRADES

Mr. Schofield introduced the item.

Mayor Gerwig stated she needed to recuse herself from this vote, as her husband's business works with this firm unrelated to this item. At this point, she left the Council Chambers.

Ms. LaRocque indicated the Village previously approved a condition assessment for nine (9) lift stations within the Village. She stated the report was completed in September 2017 and it recommended that six (6) lift stations be implemented this fiscal year. She said there is money in the capital budget that Council has approved for these improvements. She explained the contract before Council will provide for the design of those improvements, which will then be competitively bid to move forward through construction once approved by Council.

Mr. Schofield indicated the contract amount is just under \$150,000 for six (6) lift stations, which is about \$25,000 each. He stated Council will see repair and replacement for lift stations in the budget every year, as the Village has 109 of them and their average life span is twenty years. He said it will be just like the roadway improvements, the canal improvements, and all of those things the Village owns, operates and maintains, as they try to keep them in excellent condition.

Councilman Napoleone understood this was a three step process that will just continue. He stated they first did the condition assessment, which told them which lift stations were in the worst shape. He said now they are doing the engineering work to decide the best way to operate them, and then they will move to the upgrade stage.

Councilwoman Siskind understood these six (6) lift stations were over twenty years old. Ms. LaRocque stated most of the lift stations are over twenty years old.

Mr. Schofield explained the engineer, Mock, Roos & Associates, will evaluate the six (6) lift stations and design the required improvements. He stated those improvements will be more than \$25,000 per station, which is when Council will see the individual construction contracts. He said the lift stations will be done separately and sequentially throughout the year, as it will be hard to put all six under construction at one time with just the staff that they have.

Vice Mayor McGovern indicated the six (6) lift stations are 5, 39, 41, 44, 74 and 85. He asked why those were selected. Ms. LaRocque stated some were selected for public health concerns relative to their location and elevation as it relates to flooding, some for potential failures of major equipment, and some for just general renewal and replacement. She explained they have to conduct this every now and then, as the equipment in their wastewater system deteriorates because it is very aggressive. She said there was nothing out of the normal. She stated the good news is that Council has approved a condition assessment on all lift stations that will feed their plan for the next ten years. She indicated, as Mr. Schofield said, staff will continue to bring Council the lift stations as they are allocated in the capital budget.

Vice Mayor McGovern asked about the role of a lift station in the overall utility system. Ms. LaRocque explained that a lift station basically collects the sanitary waste from homes, businesses and commercial properties, and then re-pumps it to larger lift stations that ultimately pump it to the wastewater treatment facility for treatment. She said it was essential to public health.

Vice Mayor McGovern stated the fact that the lift stations operated and did not fail during the last storm is essential to the overall function of their water supply and system. Ms. LaRocque stated that was correct.

Ms. LaRocque noted this was planned for in the budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Councilwoman Siskind, and unanimously passed (3-0), with Mayor Gerwig recused and Councilman Drahos absent, to authorize the Award of a Task Order to Provide Engineering Consulting Services for Wastewater Pump Station Upgrades.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Schofield indicated no comment cards were received from the public.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

MS. COHEN: Ms. Cohen stated she had no report.

11. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- Village Offices will be closed on Friday, November 10, 2017 in observance of the Veterans Day holiday.
- The Veterans Day parade and ceremony are scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 11th beginning at Village Hall at 8:15 AM.

12. COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILMAN NAPOLEONE: Councilman Napoleone presented the following report:

- He thanked the Wellington Seniors Club and congratulated them on their 25th Anniversary.
- He also thanked and recognized the Wellington Wizards Rugby Club. He stated they were in attendance, as they got approved on the Consent Agenda as an official sports provider of the Village. He congratulated them on their work with the Rugby Club and wished them a good future in Wellington.
- He stated the Fall Festival was another first class, Wellington event. He said he got to be a judge for the costume contest for the first time. He stated it was a lot of responsibility and they made some little kids cry. He said the costumes were great and

the kids had a great time. He thanked the staff for putting on the event. He wished everyone a safe and happy Halloween.

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

- He thanked everyone who attended the Fall Festival and commended staff for making it a great event. He said the rain did not deter the fun that was had or the success of the event.
- He congratulated the Wellington Wizards Rugby Club and the Business Development Board. He mentioned that Council attended the Business Development Board Gala where a beautiful video on all things happening in Wellington was shown. He said it was very well received. He also congratulated Wellington's own Mr. Ben Boynton on becoming the new president of the Business Development Board for 2017/2018 and Wellington resident Kelly Smallridge, Executive Director of the Business Development Board, for another very successful year and successful gala.
- He stated Council participated in Read for the Record at the Wellington local schools and Commissioner McKinlay read at the Fall Festival along with Councilwoman Siskind. He said many of the kids ran up to the Council members at the Fall Festival, as they recognized them from reading the book "Quackers" at their school and said it was so much fun. He thought the idea of going to the schools and changing who the children see talking to them about the importance of literacy was very enlightening. He stated this was the second year Council has done this and it was more fun than the first time. He hoped they will continue doing it. He thanked the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County for making this event happen and involving the elected officials and municipal leaders.
- He asked that everyone have a great Halloween, but to make sure it is a safe one.
- He reminded everyone that the Wellington Green Market is every Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. He said it is going very well, so he hoped the people would come out and take advantage of it.
- He reported that Trunk or Treat is at the Boys and Girls Club Friday, October 27th, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Mr. Schofield stated he would make sure this event is on Council's calendars.
- He stated Community Services is doing Trunk or Treat with the Wellington High School DECA Club, Saturday, October 28th, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. He hoped the residents would take advantage of these events as a safe and kid-friendly way to trick-or-treat.
- He congratulated the Young Professionals of Wellington on their upcoming Wicked event Saturday night. He said it is always a great event.

COUNCILWOMAN SISKIND: Councilwoman Siskind presented the following report:

- She congratulated the Wellington Seniors Club on their 25th Anniversary. She said their gala event was spectacular. She stated she enjoyed meeting the seniors and wanted to meet many more of them. She said she was raised by her grandparents, so she sometimes feels more comfortable socializing with seniors.
- She stated she was happy to see Wellington High School at Village Hall tonight for Civics 101. She said she was proud of her daughter, as she is the new mayor of Civics 101 with Wellington High School. She stated she was glad to see so many young people in their community taking an interest in local government and government in general. She said she was looking forward to Wellington High School's mock Council Meeting on November 15th at Village Hall.

MAYOR GERWIG: Mayor Gerwig presented the following report:

- She apologized for missing everything that happened this week. She stated she was on a vacation in Placencia, Belize that she bought at the Boys & Girls Club. She said it is a beautiful country and the village is very tiny with almost no crime. She stated it made her think a bit about how things happen differently. She said she appreciated that and it was a wonderful time. She indicated the trip will be at the auction again this year, so someone else can buy it if they want to.
- She thanked staff for participating in the Read for the Record. She stated Mr. Schofield has done an excellent job organizing the right people to be their cats, ducks, dogs, bears and sandwiches. She said staff did a great job at accompanying Council along the way and making it fun. She thought that showed the children in the community, not just the commitment of the elected officials who run for office every four years, but the commitment and coordination they get from staff. She stated it also shows the children how important it is to learn to read. She said she told them that if they can read, they can learn anything. She thought that was really important. She stated she was so proud of this Council for taking this on and embracing it. She indicated she liked it better last year when she had the dog in the park, as she was trying to get some dogs adopted from Friends of Palm Beach County. She thought if they could push the Literacy Coalition into another dog book, they could turn it into an adoption event.

Vice Mayor McGovern thanked Scott Poritz from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office for participating in the Read for the Record event.

Mayor Gerwig thanked the Council for covering for her while she was out of town. She said she appreciated the comradery among staff and Council. She thought the community appreciated it as well.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM.

Approved:

Anne Gerwig, Mayor

Chevelle D. Nubin, Village Clerk