

## **MINUTES**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL**

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

**Tuesday, March 13, 2018  
7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 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, 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 Pack #125 led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **INVOCATION** - Deacon Al Payne, St. Therese de Lisieux Catholic Church delivered the invocation.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Schofield indicated staff recommended approval of the Agenda as presented.

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

#### **5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

There were no presentations or proclamations.

#### **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. **18-1947** MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2017
- B. **17-1584** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE (NJPA) CONTRACT AS A BASIS FOR PRICING FOR THE PURCHASE OF MICROSOFT SOFTWARE, LICENSES AND

## MAINTENANCE

- C. 17-1728** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR PARKS AND SECONDARY ROADWAYS
- D. 18-1783** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PAVILION IMPROVEMENTS AT VILLAGE PARK
- E. 18-1932** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE RECONDITIONING OF THE TRASH RAKE AT PUMP STATION 3

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

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

Mr. Schofield indicated no public comment cards were received for any other items on the Agenda.

## 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

## 8. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. 18-1922** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A TASK ORDER TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE C-11 AND C-15 CANAL CULVERT CROSSINGS AND BRIDLE TRAIL/BROWN TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Gerwig stated this item was pulled from the Consent Agenda, because she cannot vote on it. She said she has a conflict because of outside work and because of the County Ethics Code; she is required to recuse herself from this vote. She turned the meeting over to Vice Mayor McGovern and exited the Chambers.

Mr. Schofield introduced the item. He stated this was the construction phase engineering contract to Mock Roos and Associates for the C-11 and C-15 canal improvements in the amount of \$39,304. He explained it is a bit higher than they would normally expect for the value of the construction, which is about \$780,000 or \$790,000, because culverts are going in, a large culvert under Wellington Trace is being replaced, and the bridle trail is being constructed. He said staff is recommending award of the contract to Mock Roos and Associates.

Vice Mayor McGovern asked how much higher this amount was than expected. Mr. Schofield indicated it was about \$2,000 higher than they would normally expect, but because of the complexity, it is within the range. He said they do not normally see this many different things on one design.

Vice Mayor McGovern stated they talked about a total cost of \$786,000 for the viewing public. He asked if they could talk about the portion that is going to be grant funded. Mr. Schofield

indicated \$200,000 of it is in a grant the Village received from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Recreational Trails program.

**A motion was made by Councilman Drahos, seconded by Councilwoman Siskind, and unanimously passed (4-0), with Mayor Gerwig recused, to approve the Authorization to Award a Task Order to Provide Engineering Consulting Services for the C-11 and C-15 Canal Culvert Crossings and Bridle Trail/Brown Trail Improvements as presented.**

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

**B. 17-1585 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE ANNUAL JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

Mr. Schofield introduced the item. He explained this is normally on the Consent Agenda and they awarded \$35,000 last year. He stated he asked that it be pulled to the Regular Agenda, because he wanted to request that they add another \$5,000 to the fireworks display. He said the cost of fireworks are going up and the display dragged in a couple of places last year, so he wanted to add more to it. He stated while the item is at \$35,000, he and staff agree that they would like to increase the request to \$40,000. He indicated they are fixed fee contracts, and this one is for three years with two annual one-year renewals.

Mayor Gerwig asked if this was a restart of their contract with them for three more years. Mr. Schofield stated it was.

Mayor Gerwig asked if there was a way for the Village to know what the standard is on this or to compare. Mr. De La Vega stated Greenacres is currently at \$22,500 for their display, Delray and Royal Palm Beach are at \$35,000, Deerfield Beach just recently went up to \$40,000 and Palm Beach Gardens does not have a fireworks display.

Mayor Gerwig asked if staff felt this was the right amount. Mr. Schofield indicated the Village gets more people in its park system on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July than in any other six-month period combined. He thought, given what Wellington spends on its parks and how important they are to the Village, doing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event right was important to the staff as well as the residents, as they enjoy it. He said he did not think staff was asking for an enormous amount of money. He indicated staff put this event out for an RFP and received only one bid, which stayed at the same price it has been for several years.

Vice Mayor McGovern asked if Council moves this to \$40,000 tonight, if it will stay that amount for the rest of this contract. Mr. Schofield stated it would stay the same unless staff asks Council for more.

**A motion was made by Councilman Drahos, seconded by Councilman Napoleone, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the Authorization to Award a Contract for the Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Display as amended with an increase to \$40,000.**

**9. PUBLIC FORUM**

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

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

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

- She announced that they have a new assistant Village Attorney beginning on Monday. She stated Rachel Bosch will be starting with the Village on Monday and is a Wellington resident and so is her husband. She said they look forward to welcoming her as a Village employee.

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

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

- The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- The Wellington's Canvassing Board will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, to certify the results of the March 13, 2018 General Election.
- The first of two Lakeside Evening Events will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. He said this will be a Mardi Gras themed event with a live jazz band, food trucks, and face painting. He indicated like the other Lakeside events, the admission is free. He noted there will be a boat parade as well.
- The Bacon and Bourbon festival will be held on March 23-25, 2018. He said this three-day event will have an eclectic menu of bacon infused culinary delights.

Captain Silva stated that PBSO is sponsoring a Jeep Show and Shine event at the Wellington Marketplace on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at 11:00 AM. He explained it is a fundraising effort to help the families in law enforcement in Puerto Rico who have been severely impacted by Hurricane Maria. He thanked the Village for the use of the message boards to help advertise the fundraiser.

Vice Mayor McGovern thanked Captain Silva for his leadership on this project. He stated they will share the event on social media.

## **12. COUNCIL REPORTS**

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

- She thanked everyone for coming out to vote today and doing their civic duty. She stated it was very humbling and exciting to see her name on the ballot and vote for herself.
- She congratulated the Wellington Community High School students on their dance marathon, as they raised a record breaking \$100,075 for Shands Childrens Hospital at the University of Florida. She indicated 400 students participated in the event. She thought they would have the students come for a proclamation and recognition in the near future.

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

- He thanked Parks and Recreation for organizing a wonderful opening for pickleball. He stated that he, Councilwoman Siskind and Mayor Gerwig had a good time learning the new game as it will be available in the Village.
- He also thanked Village staff for the two great events that took place on Saturday: the Lakeside Family event and the Relay for Life event led by Cindy Drake. He indicated both events were well attended.
- He congratulated Wellington Community High School on their dance marathon. He thought breaking the \$100,000 mark and contributing to a larger cause for the Children's Miracle Network was exceptional.
- He also congratulated the Wellington High School boys' basketball team for making it to the state championship and falling one game short of an undefeated season. He stated this was a spectacular accomplishment for a team two years in a row.
- He indicated that tomorrow is the one month anniversary of the Parkland Shootings. He stated it struck many families, parents, teachers - everyone involved in going to school every day. He hoped the residents would come out tomorrow for the memorials and student led speak out events at Palm Beach Central High School at 9:25 AM and Wellington High School at 10:00 AM. He thought this was an important chance for the community to come together in a way where their students lead the effort and say what is on their minds, as they are soon to be adults and electors in their community.
- He stated Election Day and the whole campaign was a great experience, as it is chance to engage directly with the voters. He said they heard in large measure that everyone loves this Village and the residents mostly want Wellington to stay Wellington. He stated it was a privilege to vote this morning with his wife and his daughters. He thanked all of the residents who came out and voted today, but he wished the turnout had been greater.

**COUNCILMAN DRAHOS:** Councilman Drahos presented the following report:

- Councilman Drahos thanked Councilwoman Siskind and Vice Mayor McGovern for running professional, well organized campaigns. He said he was proud to endorse both of them, because he values their opinions and input and has seen their hard work and dedication to the community. He stated he hopes the vote is favorable for Councilwoman Siskind and Vice Mayor McGovern, because he believes they deserve the recognition and the support of the community. Councilman Drahos also extended his admiration to the opponents, because he believed putting your name on a ballot is courageous and nothing to be ashamed of in the end.

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

- Councilman Napoleone stated he echoed the comments of everyone else.
- He announced that the Cleveland Clinic opened its Wellington office today. He said it is a nice facility that further enhances the medical corridor on 441 and provides the residents with more terrific options for medical services.

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

- Mayor Gerwig stated she will not be able to make it to the events at the high schools, as she has a Housing Leadership Council meeting as well as a Palm Beach County League of Cities luncheon. She said she sent a message to Palm Beach Central and asked her fellow Council members to let Wellington High School know that the Village stands with them and wants to do anything it can to strengthen school safety.

Mayor Gerwig stated she also told Donna Baxter that the Sadowski funds were swept from affordable housing to fund school safety. She thought it was an important discussion for kids to know that they are a priority, but that other things will not get done because the money was just moved around and nothing was added to the total. She said there is still a deficit in affordable housing funds and there will be no funds from the state this year.

- Mayor Gerwig thought they should put together a resolution on behalf of the Council for school safety, gun safety and mental health. She said they could start looking at the format and discuss what aligns most with this Council, as she believed it was important for them to weigh-in. She believed the Village needed to thank the Legislature for the resolution and the changes it made in the state law regarding rifles not being sold to anyone under 21. She stated the Council needs to say they stand with the Legislature, particularly regarding mental health. She explained, unfortunately, the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO) is the number one provider of mental health services in Palm Beach County. She said PBSO is the front line and it is not necessarily best practice to have the SWAT team show up when people need mental health services.
- Mayor Gerwig stated Relay for Life was very good and that the Village raised more than \$11,000. She said the speaker was very inspirational. She stated she was glad all of Council was there together; as she was very proud of everything and that they were able to help the survivors and fund research.
- Mayor Gerwig stated the dance marathon was so impressive and that Royal Palm Beach High School had a very big presence at Relay for Life. She said Wellington Landings was also at Relay for Life this year.
- Mayor Gerwig asked if attendance was up at the Green Market during the Lakeside events and if some synergy was happening on the site. Mr. Schofield stated, following their conversation yesterday, attendance appeared to be up. He said staff will try to get better data. Mayor Gerwig stated it felt like more people were there. She said she liked the idea of a selfie with the Lion Country Safari owl.

Mr. Schofield stated he and Ms. Cohen would start drafting the resolution and look at what other communities have done. He said he would like to run it by each Council member before bringing it back to them formally, because everyone will have slightly different ideas.

Mayor Gerwig thought that was a good idea. She said she knows it is not going to be simple, but she thought it was important. She stated their community is looking to them for leadership on this and she wants to make sure they provide that guidance.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:29 PM.

**Approved:**

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**Anne Gerwig, Mayor**

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**Chevelle D. Nubin, Village Clerk**