

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

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

**Tuesday, April 10, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, April 10, 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** – Mayor Gerwig led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **INVOCATION** - Minister Geraldo Vieira, The Pentecostals of the Palm Beaches (Wellington Branch), delivered the invocation.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

5. APPOINTMENT OF VICE MAYOR

A. 17-1364 APPOINTMENT OF VICE MAYOR

Mr. Schofield introduced the item.

A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone to nominate and appoint Councilman Drahos as Vice Mayor.

Councilman Napoleone stated the tradition has been who has served the longest, but he and Councilman Drahos were sworn in at the same time. He said he would defer to Councilman

Drahos' years of service on the Planning, Zoning and Adjustment Board and the Education Committee, and nominate him as Vice Mayor.

Councilman Drahos stated he appreciated the gesture from Councilman Napoleone. He said, as they discussed briefly yesterday, he would second the motion provided Councilman Napoleone agreed to serve as Vice Mayor next year.

Councilman Drahos stated it is very important and an honor to serve in the role of Vice Mayor on this Council. He stated Vice Mayor McGovern did a fantastic job these last two years and set a great example. However, he believed everyone on the Council should get an opportunity to serve as Vice Mayor. He thought doing it this way and abiding by the Charter was the right thing to do. Councilman Drahos hoped Councilman Napoleone would accept the modification to his motion.

Vice Mayor McGovern seconded Councilman Napoleone's motion with the caveat laid out by Councilman Drahos.

Mayor Gerwig stated she liked the way Councilman Drahos and Councilman Napoleone worked this out. She thought it made sense, as everyone will get an opportunity to serve as Vice Mayor if it changes every year. She noted while the Charter says it is to be appointed every year, it has always been a two-year appointment. She stated she supported what has been proposed and appreciated the thoughtfulness behind it.

Council voted and unanimously passed (5-0) the motion to appoint Councilman Drahos as Vice Mayor for one year, with the caveat that Councilman Napoleone serve as the Vice Mayor next year.

Mayor Gerwig stated Councilman Drahos will now be known as Vice Mayor Drahos for the next year. She said the role is highly ceremonial. But at times the Mayor or even the Vice Mayor may not be available, and the Charter provides for that as well.

Councilman Drahos stated he was glad they were doing this in a way that gives everyone a chance to serve in the role of Vice Mayor. He thanked Vice Mayor McGovern for his two years of service, as he could not have asked for a better role model. He said he hoped to follow in Vice Mayor McGovern's footsteps.

Vice Mayor McGovern stated he looked forward to continuing to work with all of them. He said he thought this was a good decision and that it works well for everybody.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. 18-2001 A PROCLAMATION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON FLORIDA RECOGNIZING HOSANNA KROPP ON WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN GIRLS WRESTLING

Ms. Cohen introduced the item. She stated this is a proclamation recognizing Wellington High School student Hosanna Kropp for winning the state championship title in girls wrestling. She said Ms. Kropp is the first girl at Wellington High School and second girl in Palm Beach County to win a state wrestling championship.

Ms. Nubin read the proclamation.

Council congratulated and recognized Ms. Kropp for her accomplishments.

Ms. Kropp thanked the Council for presenting her with the proclamation. She also thanked her coaches for helping her to achieve this accomplishment.

- B. 18-2003** A PROCLAMATION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON FLORIDA RECOGNIZING VILLAGE ENGINEER, THOMAS J. LUNDEEN, P.E., FOR HIS SELECTION AND AWARD AS THE 2018 FRANK J. GARGIULO GOVERNMENT ENGINEER OF THE YEAR BY THE PALM BEACH BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS (ASCE)

Mr. Schofield introduced the item.

Ms. Nubin read the proclamation.

Mayor Gerwig stated Mr. Lundeen was recognized because of his professional work as well as the work he does in the community with the youth and teaching engineering.

Council congratulated and thanked Mr. Lundeen for his community service work.

Mr. Lundeen stated he has learned over his 37 year career that one person does not make a big difference. He said he must share this award with his coworkers and consultants. He stated he has had an opportunity to work with some amazing people during his relatively short time at the Village of Wellington, and he could not have done this without their help. He said it is an honor to be selected by his ASCE peers for this award and a true honor to be recognized by his employer at a public meeting.

Council presented Mr. Lundeen with the proclamation.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 18-2006** MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2018 AND THE ACME IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2018
- B. 18-1979** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE AN EXISTING CONTRACT FOR THE FOREST HILL BOULEVARD CONFLICT STRUCTURE PROJECT
- C. 18-1989** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A CITY OF PALM BAY CONTRACT WITH TAYLOR SUPPLY, LLC, AS A BASIS FOR PRICING, FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF DUGOUTS FOR VILLAGE PARK

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 (5-0), to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mr. Schofield indicated no public comment cards were received.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

9. REGULAR AGENDA

There were no Regular Agenda items.

10. PUBLIC FORUM

No comment cards were received for the Public Forum.

11. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

- She stated the hearing on the temporary injunction, regarding the soccer events that continue to take place on the Palm Beach Polo property, is scheduled for tomorrow morning.
- She indicated she and Councilman Napoleone will be attending the FMIT mediation on Friday. She said no decisions or settlements will be made, but anything that is agreed to will be presented to Council at a shade session.
- She stated she will be in Washington, D.C., from April 19-22, 2018, attending the International Municipal Lawyers Association midyear meeting.

12. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- The last of the currently scheduled Lakeside Family Fun days will happen this Saturday, April 14, 2018, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. He said he has asked the Parks & Recreation Department to look at scheduling more of these events, as they have gone really well.

13. COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILMAN NAPOLEONE: Councilman Napoleone presented the following report:

- He hopes everyone will come out for Flavors of Wellington this Friday, as it is a great event.
- He stated the Egg Hunt last weekend was a great event with a good turnout. He said 45,000 eggs disappeared in 14 minutes.
- He indicated the Earth Day and Arbor Day events are coming up in two weeks.
- He congratulated Vice Mayor Drahos on his new appointment.

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

- He stated he had no report tonight.

COUNCILMAN MCGOVERN: Councilman McGovern presented the following report:

- He indicated it was time for Council to appoint/reappoint members to the Village's boards and committees. He said the current members have been informed it is time to apply for reappointment if they wish to serve. He stated it is also time for the members of the community who may want to serve on any of the boards and committees to apply in the next 45 days or so. He said good and important work is done by their committees, and they are always looking for more good people to serve on them.
- He stated he hopes to see everyone at the Flavors event, the New Horizons School Carnival Friday evening, and the Lakeside event on Saturday.

COUNCILWOMAN SISKIND: Councilwoman Siskind presented the following report:

- She stated the Wellington Garden Club will be having a Flower show at the Mall this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will also be held on Sunday.
- She congratulated Vice Mayor Drahos on his appointment and Councilman Napoleone on being the future Vice Mayor.
- She stated she attended the John Scollo Memorial softball tournament this past weekend. She said it was a nice day. She thanked the Village's Parks and Recreation staff for having the fields ready.

Councilman McGovern stated the softball tournament was a great event, as it brought in members of the Fraternal Order of the Police (FOP) from around the country. He said there were 16 or 17 teams from about ten different states that competed here in Wellington. He stated the Parks and Recreation Department and the fields were praised for their first class nature.

Vice Mayor Drahos hoped the Village will continue to host the tournament into the future. He stated all of the officers have a very close relationship with Mr. Scollo's son, which speaks volumes to the police industry and how they take care of each other. He said it was very touching.

Mayor Gerwig indicated Jim Sackett's softball tournament is coming up soon and that she will try to attend the opening. She said she missed the John Scollo tournament on Saturday and thanked Council for being there.

MAYOR GERWIG: Mayor Gerwig presented the following report:

- She stated she looked forward to being a celebrity judge at the Flavors event on Friday night. She said this event comes at the end of the season every year and gets everyone out to the showgrounds one more time. She thought it was nice having the community come together after a very busy season.
- She indicated some residents have expressed concern about the growth in the canals. She stated the Village started clearing some of those areas after the hurricane and asked about the status of that.

Mr. Schofield indicated all of the canal clearing from the hurricane has been completed. He asked the Mayor to provide him with any specific areas and he will have staff look into it. He explained the Village no longer removes things from the canal banks unless it is threatening a Village structure or it is ready to fall into the canal.

Mayor Gerwig stated she will get with Mr. Schofield about the locations that have been brought to her attention. She said the concern is that the overgrowth has not been maintained properly and could be a problem. She stated she wanted to make sure the Village was taking care of its waterways.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:31 PM.

Approved:

Anne Gerwig, Mayor

Chevelle D. Nubin, Village Clerk