

## **MINUTES**

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

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

**Tuesday, January 22, 2019  
7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 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 J. 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** – 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.

Mr. Schofield explained that staff indicated at the Agenda Review on Thursday that they might want to pull the plat for Wally World. He said the applicant wanted to make a couple of changes to the regulating document, which included two parking spaces for residents and providing a common irrigation system. He stated those documents were given to staff and are now in front of Council. He said the plat itself remains the same. He stated the documents include a party wall agreement and regulating documents all in one. He said staff has reviewed the two minor wording changes and has no issues. He stated they would like to substitute this information and leave this item on the Consent Agenda.

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

**5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

- A.** PRESENTATION BY CUB SCOUT PACK 125 TO INVITE THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL PINE WOOD DERBY

Mr. Schofield indicated this item needed to be added to the agenda.

Cub Scout Pack 125 invited the Village Council, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office to each build a car and participate in this year's Pine Wood Derby. The Derby will be held on March 2, 2019 at 11:00 AM at St. Peter's United Methodist Church in Fellowship Hall. Council accepted the challenge and appointed Councilman Napoleone to lead the initiative on building their car.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. 17-1612** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE PERMANENT WATERMAIN SAMPLING POINT PROJECT
- B. 18-2316** AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE UTILIZING A CITY OF BAYTOWN, TEXAS CONTRACT, AS A BASIS FOR PRICING, FOR UTILITY BILL PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES
- C. 18-2314** AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW EXISTING CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF MOSQUITO CHEMICALS
- D. 19-2629** RESOLUTION NO. R2019-06 (WALLY WORLD VILLAS REPLAT)
- A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE WALLY WORLD VILLAS REPLAT LYING IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 41 EAST, VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 26, BLOCK 71, GREENVIEW SHORES NO. 2 OF WELLINGTON (P.U.D.), AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 31, PAGES 120 THROUGH 136, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA.
- E. 19-2652** RESOLUTION NO. R2019-07 (OAKMONT ESTATES TRAFFIC AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENTS)
- A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL APPROVING AGREEMENTS FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTION BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON AND THE OAKMONT ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

Mr. Schofield indicated one public comment card was received:

1. Bruce Tumin, 752 Lake Wellington Drive, Wellington. Mr. Tumin stated, as the Chair of the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, they need another member. He said he was concerned about conducting official meetings without having a quorum.

Mr. Schofield stated the criteria for someone to serve on this board is listed in the code. He said they typically look for someone with industry experience, such as a contractor, engineer or architect. He explained many communities cannot find these types of folks and there are no penalties for not having them. He stated the board can hold a meeting at any time, but they cannot take any action without a quorum.

Mayor Gerwig stated the Village still has an opening for an At-Large appointment on the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Mr. Schofield indicated he would let Council know if any applications have been received for this Board.

Mayor Gerwig stated the Village advertises for these open positions on their website. She thought an attorney that does land use or construction law would be a good member.

## **7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **A. 19-2637 ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01 (NUISANCE):**

AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE II (NUISANCES) SECTION 30-51 (DEFINITIONS), SECTION 30-53 (NUISANCE DECLARED) AND SUBSECTION 30-54 (NUISANCE TO BE ABATED) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA; TO MODIFY AND CLARIFY THE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF EXCESSIVE GROWTH OF GRASS, WEEDS AND LOW-GROWING VEGETATION ON UNDEVELOPED, VACANT, DEVELOPED OR PARTIALLY DEVELOPED PROPERTIES AND ON ACTIVE, INACTIVE OR ABANDONED GOLF COURSE PROPERTIES; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Mr. Basehart indicated this was the second reading of the proposed amendments to Chapter 30, Article II of the Code of Ordinances. He said this is generally referred to as the nuisance provisions of the code. He stated staff is proposing to amend three sections: 1) Section 30-51, which is Definitions, to provide more clarity to the definition of developed property or developed land; 2) Section 30-53, which is the Nuisance Declared provision; and 3) the Abatement Section 30-54.

Mr. Basehart explained there are two intended purposes to these amendments:

1) He stated staff wanted to strengthen the provisions for the maintenance of properties in Wellington. He said they have added that the responsibility of property owners in Wellington is

to maintain their property in a condition that will not negatively impact surrounding property owners or affect the way they enjoy their property or their health and safety.

2) He stated staff wanted to clarify the Ordinance as much as possible. He said they have been systematically doing that in the rewrite of the Land Development Requirements, with their objectives being to streamline, simplify and eliminate duplication.

Mr. Basehart stated staff wants to make the standards clearer, easier to understand, and more uniform. He said they also want to improve the maintenance standards for the protection of the property owners in the Village.

Mr. Basehart stated staff took most of the language out of the code and put it into a table, as it is much easier to read, decipher and understand. He said staff also modified the definitions. He indicated Council directed staff to add waterbodies at the first reading, which has been included in the final draft in front of Council tonight.

Mr. Basehart stated staff strengthened some standards, primarily for undeveloped and developed properties, and broke them into two categories. He said small properties are less than one-half acre and larger properties are more than one-half acre. He stated on smaller properties, landscaping or vegetation has to be maintained at six inches for the entirety of the property. On larger properties, the area that has to be maintained at six inches has been increased from 60 feet to 120 feet to provide more protection for surrounding property owners. He noted that on undeveloped property greater than one-half acre it is still twelve inches, because vegetation experts say it is important to try to maintain the native understory. He said it protects the value of the entire property, from a vegetation point-of-view, until the property becomes developed. He also noted that the different requirements for Little Ranches were left in the code as agreed to as a part of the annexation in 2002.

Mr. Basehart stated the golf course maintenance provision in the table requires them to be maintained at six inches in their entirety. He said there have been comments that existing golf courses cannot operate that way because of the higher vegetation in some areas. He explained as long as operating golf courses are maintained as originally designed and approved, this Ordinance is not going to affect them.

Mayor Gerwig asked, should the golf course want to redesign, if there was a process for them to come to the Village. Mr. Basehart stated normally a golf course requires a site plan approval. He said most of the courses in Wellington were approved by the county, so they do not have copies of the original, approved site plans. He stated to redevelop or redesign a golf course, the appropriate process under the Land Development Requirements is to submit a plan and have it approved, and then have a maintenance plan. He said areas of the course designed for other types of vegetation may exceed the normal height limits. He explained if they are a part of the approved plan and maintained, that is fine. He said letting a course go to seed or weed is not a way to redevelop a golf course, according to Village codes. He stated it requires a legitimate operational plan, land plan and maintenance.

Mr. Basehart explained the land could be returned to its natural condition, but it would have to go back to what it was before it was developed as a golf course. He said all of the golf courses in the Village would be pine flatwoods forests. He stated if someone wanted to return their property to its natural condition, they would have to develop a plan to replant it that way as well as a maintenance plan. He said it was not unlike the Village returning Section 24 to its natural condition as a marsh. He stated most of the land that is now part of the storm treatment area

was in that condition.

Mayor Gerwig stated the Village developed Section 24. Mr. Basehart said he agreed, but that it is consistent with what it was originally before it was developed otherwise.

Mayor Gerwig stated there was a standard of undeveloped where they would say it might have had natural lakes, so they might leave the lakes. Mr. Basehart said Section 24 had marsh, but it certainly was not in the kind of condition the Village has put it in. He stated they have gone well above what its natural condition originally was.

Mr. Basehart indicated the Ordinance affects every private property owner in the Village. He stated the Village has had an increase in complaints about golf courses and other properties in the community not being properly maintained. He said that caused staff to look at this Article. He stated staff believes these improvements will protect the health, safety and welfare of the people in the community as well as their property values and the ability to enjoy their property. He said that is what this is all about.

Councilman Napoleone stated this Ordinance applies to Wellington owned property as well. Mr. Basehart said it would affect everything. He explained if the Village decided to discontinue the use of a park, the Village would have to continue to maintain that property. He said K-Park is a good example, as it has been leased out to a farmer for years. If that lease ended and the Village decided not to keep it in agricultural production, the Village would have to maintain it consistent with the provisions just like everyone else.

Mayor Gerwig asked if the leaseholder had to do any of that work. Mr. Schofield stated he did not believe so, because it had been an agricultural use prior to the time they leased it from the Village. He said the Village had been cutting the grass and doing minimal maintenance out there.

### Public Hearing

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

Vice Mayor Drahos indicated a number of comment cards were received from the public. He called on those who wished to speak:

NAME / ADDRESS	FOR	AGAINST
1. Calvin Neidrauer, 1864 Lindsey Court, Wellington.	X	
2. Jim Bolden, 1828 Lindsey Court, Wellington.	X	
3. David Pounds, 1810 Staimford Circle, Wellington.	X	
4. Glenn Jergensen, 2327 Newbury Drive, Wellington.	X	
5. Sam Reid, 2893 Winding Oak Lane, Wellington.	X	
6. Andrew Carduner (President, Polo Club POA), 2864-D Winding Oak Lane, Wellington.	X	
7. Lance Goodwin, (President, Chukker Cove HOA, Palm Beach Polo Club), 12635 Mallet Circle, Wellington.	X	
8. Mark Hilton, 13904 Folkestone Circle, Wellington.	X	
9. Alexander Domb, 10633 Versailles Blvd, Wellington; office - 11199 Polo Club Road, Wellington.		X

10. Glenn Straub, 11199 Polo Club Road, Wellington.		X
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Following Mr. Straub's comments, Mayor Gerwig stated she hoped that the Village and Mr. Straub could work together as they go forward. She said she did not want it to be more confrontational than it needed to be and cost either of them any more money.

Council read into the record the comments from those individuals who did not wish to speak:

NAME / ADDRESS	FOR	AGAINST
1. E. Marshall, 2860 Bent Cypress, Wellington.	X	
2. Beth Remington, 11831 Pebblewood Drive, Wellington.	X	
3. George Tauber, 2531 Windsor Way Court, Wellington.	X	
4. Michael Korotkin, 2297 Golf Brook Drive, Wellington.	X	
5. Arlette Ravet-Rigby, 2450 Players Court, Wellington.	X	
6. Kathy Baker, 2474 Players Court, Wellington.	X	
7. Kim Kolloff, 2281 Golf Brook Drive, Wellington.	X	
8. Barb Roux, 2610 Players Court, Wellington.	X	
9. Mary Jane King, 2498 Players Court, Wellington.	X	
10. Bruce Hulin, 13183 Halifax Court, Wellington.	X	
11. Lynda Clement, 2394 Players Court, Wellington.	X	
12. Letter from Chairman Mike Nelson, Wellington Economic Business and Political Action Committee	X	

Mayor Gerwig asked if legal had looked into the question of treating a golf course property differently from other vacant land. Ms. Bausch stated legal has looked at this and does not believe there is an equal protection issue. She said she believed the Village has always treated golf courses as developed property, so the changes to the Ordinance just memorialize and clarify that. She stated staff is not doing anything different than what they did before and they are treating it as they would all other developed property.

Mayor Gerwig indicated the lakes are mentioned in the document on page one of the Ordinance under Lakes, Waterways, Golf Course or Sports Field Improvements. Ms. Bausch stated waterway and waterbody were added, i.e., lake, waterway, waterbody.

Mayor Gerwig asked if the Village could even enforce what is in item #4. She said it states that residents cannot have anything the size of a bottle cap with water in it, as it will breed mosquitoes.

Mr. Basehart stated the Village allows and encourages waterbodies, because they help with many things, including drainage.

Vice Mayor Drahos stated he reads this as if the Village feels there is a violation, it initiates code enforcement action, and it goes through its due process. He said if the Village's interpretation of the landowner creating some mosquito breeding ground is unreasonable or incorrect, the Village will lose the code enforcement action.

Mayor Gerwig stated she found one word a little unreasonable, because it is almost impossible to do. Vice Mayor Drahos thought in that instance, code enforcement would exercise discretion.

Mr. Koch stated code enforcement tries to prevent breeding or nesting areas, where there are

dilapidated pools. He said they primarily use that code to address un-kept pools.

Mayor Gerwig stated she was suggesting that vegetation is going to make a breeding ground for mosquitoes. She said a vacant lot next door to her has more mosquitoes than the average person in Wellington. She stated even a leaf full of water is a breeding spot for mosquitoes. She thought that part would have no value because it cannot be enforced or maintained.

Councilman Napoleone and Mr. Basehart indicated that was existing language and was not being changed.

Mayor Gerwig asked about stagnant or unsecured water in pools and if Village staff can go into backyards. Mr. Koch stated, according to the code, they could go into backyards of vacant homes. He said they follow the due process in the code. He stated the homeowner still has the right to privacy, so generally a neighbor would have to let staff in to try to see the pool. He said once the code officer identifies it, the Village can have the pool abated.

Mayor Gerwig asked if the Village could do anything about raccoons and opossums in neighborhoods. Mr. Koch stated raccoons and opossums are not considered vermin like rats. He said they are not protected, so the homeowner can hire a licensed trapper to trap them. He stated the Village does not address them the same way as they would a rat harborage.

Councilwoman Siskind stated returning a piece of land to its natural condition does not mean letting it go wild and get overgrown and not touching it. She said a plan would need to be submitted for revegetation and put into action. Mr. Basehart stated they also need to determine its natural condition before development occurred, which could be done through historical photographs, etc.

Councilwoman Siskind stated she would be happy support this again, as she did at first reading.

Councilman McGovern stated this Ordinance applies to public and private property equally. He said it now covers essentially all of the land in the Village (developed, undeveloped) and golf courses (active, inactive, abandoned) in writing.

Councilman McGovern asked about chart 30.53.1 and the six inches on the entire lot for a golf course active, inactive or abandoned prior to redevelopment. He asked how this code would apply to Wellington National.

Mr. Basehart stated Wellington National is a developed golf course. He said it has areas of grass, fairways, greens, sand traps, etc., and areas with other types of low growing vegetation. He stated that is all allowed as long as it is maintained in good condition. He said nothing at the Wanderers Club or Palm Beach National would be a violation today. He stated if play and maintenance stops and it becomes overgrown and infested with weeds, they would be in violation. He said as long as they continue to maintain the course in good fashion, there is no violation of the code. He stated if there are areas of vegetation that by nature or design are supposed to be more than six inches, that is okay too as long as it is maintained.

Mayor Gerwig stated the different types of grasses that grow taller would be captured in the plan. Councilman McGovern said that would be true if the grasses are consistent with the original development plan. Mr. Basehart stated that was correct.

Councilman McGovern stated the planning staff brought this Ordinance forward because it goes

with their complete rewrite of the code. He said they were trying to bring consistency, certainty and clarity to it, and have it in writing so that any landowner can understand it.

Mr. Basehart explained the codes in the Land Development Regulations are difficult for most people to read and clearly understand if they do not deal with zoning and land use requirements every day. He stated staff is simplifying the language to help people comply with the code. He said staff is also eliminating the duplication that sometimes causes confusion.

Vice Mayor Drahos addressed a comment that was made by a resident who said it was unfortunate the Village was just now coming up with this Ordinance to enforce this policy. Vice Mayor Drahos stated that is not the case, as this was in affect long before this Council. He said the challenges they face are that it is not clear enough.

Vice Mayor Drahos explained the Village initiates code enforcement actions and during the proceedings various challenges are made to the language to delay the process and throw up obstacles, because the landowner just simply does not want to maintain the property. He stated that has put the Village in a situation where it has to make its position abundantly clear. He said the information has been put into a chart, so the requirement to maintain the golf course to six inches or less could not be clearer.

Vice Mayor Drahos stated Council has heard even today that may not be clear enough, as it is still ambiguous and there are still going to be legal challenges. He said it is frustrating to continue to face this type of opposition, because it is a waste of time and resources and it does nothing but cause stress, anxiety and displeasure to the residents this Council is entrusted to protect.

Vice Mayor Drahos explained the Village is attempting another thought or idea to bring forth the basic concept that when someone owns a piece of land in this community, they are expected to maintain it. He said he thought the idea that it is not fair to treat golf courses differently than undeveloped land was contradictory with the basic fundamental or ideal that each resident in that area knew they were buying property on a golf course. He stated it is now the Village's job to protect that investment.

Vice Mayor Drahos stated the landowner knew he was buying a golf course when he bought the property. He said if someone buys a golf course, they should maintain it as a golf course. He stated the solution is not to stand up and threaten the Council or the community with the idea that they are going to be punished further or that Mr. Straub is just going to litigate this to death until the Village lets him build on his property. He said Mr. Straub bought a golf course and should maintain it as a golf course; and he if does not want to, he should sell it to someone who will.

Vice Mayor Drahos stated it is frustrating, as he did not think Council wanted to be in a position where they have to continually and repetitively communicate the same ideal. He hoped this would be another step or measure the Village could implement to protect the residents' properties and enforce the laws.

Councilman Napoleone thanked everyone for coming out and speaking tonight. He said he appreciated their comments.

Councilman Napoleone responded to a comment that was made. He stated he does not believe the people who live on a golf course think the golf course is their property, but they do



not expect it to be a health and safety hazard to their property and an eyesore they have to look at every day. He said the owner does not have to run a golf course on it, but it cannot be let to run fallow or become a health and safety hazard or eyesore.

Councilman Napoleone stated if the property owner was maintaining the property, the Council would not have to pass this Ordinance and the property would have been maintained prior to three days before the second reading. He said it took having a second reading of the Ordinance to get the property to come into compliance and provide the relief the neighboring landowners need and deserve. He stated they have talked this to death and it is not that complicated. He said he is going to vote for it.

Mayor Gerwig stated the only change is the 60 feet to 120 feet. She said everything else in this document is already in their ordinances. Mr. Basehart stated staff is clarifying it. He said they specifically call out golf courses as a type of land use activity, where before it fell under the definition of developed land.

Mayor Gerwig stated other items like sports fields were included. Mr. Basehart said it was not singled out. He explained in various code enforcement hearings over the last couple of years, there have been questions, disagreements or challenges to what is developed land - does it include sports fields, does it include golf courses - and the Village's position has always been yes. He stated that position has always been sustained at the magistrate level and beyond. He said staff feels it is time to erase any challenge to what is intended by clarifying the definition.

Mayor Gerwig stated the Village has no legal method to force a landowner to operate the golf course itself. Mr. Basehart and Ms. Bausch said the Village does not.

Mayor Gerwig stated the Village cannot enforce operation and can only enforce maintenance. She said that is what they have always done and that is what they are doing here tonight with an increase of 60 feet to 120 feet from the borders on all properties. Mr. Basehart stated that was correct.

Mayor Gerwig stated the Council is codifying something they already have in place and making it clearer, adding 60 feet for anyone backing up to a vacant property of any sort, and doing what they think is right for the community.

Councilwoman Siskind indicated she has a version of the Ordinance that has waterbody and waterway in it for the gentleman who was concerned. She asked that the correct version be posted on the website. Mayor Gerwig provided Mr. Neidrauer with a copy and indicated it is the version Council is voting on tonight.

There being no further public comments, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Drahos, seconded by Councilman Napoleone, 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 Ordinance No. 2019-01 (Nuisance) as presented.**

## **8. REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. 19-2635** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A TASK ORDER, TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES, FOR THE TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF BIG BLUE TRACE RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM SOUTH

## SHORE BOULEVARD TO WELLINGTON TRACE

Mr. Schofield introduced the item.

Mayor Gerwig stated she needed to state a conflict, as the firm Engenuity Group has other outside contracts with the firm she works for and owns one share of stock in. She said it is unrelated to any Village business, but she is required to recuse herself according to the County Code. She left the Council Chambers.

Mr. Schofield stated this is a contract in the amount of \$34,190 to provide the survey required for the design of the pathway along Big Blue. He said this item would normally be on the Consent Agenda and is required in order to do the detailed design and the permitting.

Mr. Lundeen stated that the design was going to be done in-house with Village staff. He said staff is recommending approval.

**A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Councilwoman Siskind, and unanimously passed (4-0), with Mayor Gerwig being recused, to approve the Authorization to Award a Task Order, to Provide Engineering Consulting Services, for the Topographic Survey of Big Blue Trace Right-Of-Way from South Shore Boulevard to Wellington Trace as presented.**

*Mayor Gerwig returned to the Council Chambers.*

### 9. PUBLIC FORUM

No comment cards were received from the public for the Public Forum.

### 10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

**MS. BAUSCH:** Ms. Bausch presented the following report:

- She 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 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- A Town Center Public Input Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Village Park.
- A Town Hall Meeting is planned for Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wellington Community Center.
- Palm Beach County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay will host a Town Hall Meeting at the Wellington Community Center on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- The inaugural Wellington Classic Brew Fest will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Wellington's Town Center.
- "Art Fest on the Green 2019" will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2019 and Sunday, January 27, 2019 at the Wellington Amphitheater. Admission is free.

## 12. COUNCIL REPORTS

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

- Councilman Napoleone asked why the Town Hall Meeting was scheduled for February 13, 2019. Mr. Schofield stated it was the date that was available.

Mayor Gerwig stated it was not intentional to conflict with the other events scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup> and February 13<sup>th</sup>. She said some members of the public questioned the Village's intentions. Mr. Schofield stated he did not know they had a conflict.

Mayor Gerwig and Councilman Napoleone indicated the grand opening of the new Joe DiMaggio Medical Center is on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. Vice Mayor Drahos and Councilman McGovern stated they each discussed with the Joe DiMaggio people about having Council participate early, so they could attend the Town Hall Meeting.

Mayor Gerwig stated she was asked to speak in Joe DiMaggio's regular program, so she will miss the Town Center Meeting. She said it is being documented and recorded.

Mayor Gerwig indicated the conflict with January 30<sup>th</sup> is the grand opening of Boynton Financial Group, plus she has a Board Meeting that afternoon. She stated people are asking why the Village is doing this while other community events are taking place. She said she realizes Council's schedules are tight.

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

- Vice Mayor Drahos stated he talked to Mr. Schofield about scheduling another visioning session and changing the format from the way it has been done in the past. He said staff organized last year's visioning session and Mr. Barnes led a majority of the discussion. Vice Mayor Drahos thought it would be more productive if Council discussed the various issues that are important to them, i.e., the Cultural Arts Center, at an Agenda Review leading up to the visioning session.

Councilman Napoleone agreed the last visioning session was not very productive, as they just talked a lot and did not come away with any action items. He thought the Town Center and the Cultural Arts Center were two good topics to discuss. He suggested discussing the longer term vision of future development in Wellington. He stated a lot of projects are planned to come on line, as people are wanting to build and develop in Wellington. He thought they should have a discussion about what Wellington should look like in twenty years without talking about specific projects. He asked if they wanted to pave it all and build on everything or save some green space. Councilman McGovern stated he agreed.

Mayor Gerwig thought it might be difficult to talk about specifics and non-specifics in one visioning session. She stated she appreciated the sense of fairness of having everything discussed. She said she did not want to be critical of the way staff has done directions and visioning, because it has been pretty consistent. She stated she thinks it is a good idea to make a change, because Council cannot have conversations outside of public meetings.

Vice Mayor Drahos hoped staff could pick a date that will work for everyone. He said he is willing to devote the entire day to this. He also hoped that during Agenda Review they could start discussing specifics of what Council wants to cover, so they can all come prepared.

Mr. Schofield suggested having the visioning session in March prior to budget preparation. Mayor Gerwig agreed it is important to do it early, because of budget planning.

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

- He mentioned that Robbin Lee recently retired as CEO of Wellington Regional. He thanked her for her service over the years and commended her on advancing the services offered at Wellington Regional.
- He indicated the Village of Wellington will be recognized by the Palm Beach County School Board tomorrow night for its continued commitment to the Keely Spinelli Grants. He hoped Council and residents would be there to take part in receiving the proclamation.
- He thanked staff for doing a great job on the country western themed Lakeside event held on January 17, 2019.
- He hoped the public will attend the upcoming Town Center Public Input Meeting at Village Park on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

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

- Councilwoman Siskind stated she had no comments.

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

- She apologized for not being able to attend the Lakeside event due to the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation workshop with the Palm Beach County League of Cities being scheduled at the same time.
- She recognized the Village of Royal Palm Beach for their Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration, as it was very well run and interesting. She said she is glad there is a Western Communities event that she can participate in.
- She commented on the equestrian traffic in the Village at this time of year. She stated she was driving and was passed by two dualies that were speeding. She said the Village is receiving complaints from residents about speeding as well. She stated she hates the signs that say "Slow down or we will make you," but whatever the Village has to do to make people slow down.

Mr. Schofield stated he spoke to Captain Silva. He said the Village received some correspondence over the weekend about traffic, as they had two accidents over the weekend related to equestrians and excessive speed. He stated there will be an increased PBSO presence on the roads.

- Council asked that the information regarding the Village of Wellington's utility bill assistance for furloughed Federal employees be placed on the web. Mayor Gerwig stated she was proud of the Village for offering this assistance. Councilman McGovern indicated the Village is waiving penalty fees and making sure that service is not

disrupted. Mr. Schofield stated it will be posted on the Village website. He explained this information was put in an Administrative Transmittal, so that the press could publicize it.

- Mayor Gerwig stated the Star Group Books came in the mail regarding cities, villages and great hometowns. She said the books will be on her desk if anyone would like to look at them. She thought the Wellington Historical Society may be interested in a project.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:37 PM.

**Approved:**

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**Anne Gerwig, Mayor**

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**Chevelle D. Nubin, Village Clerk**