

Village of Wellington

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

6:30 PM

Village Hall - Council Chambers

Public Safety Committee

*Ron Herman, Chair
Jacqueline Hutman, Vice Chair
Mohammad Junaid Akther
William Flack
Cherie McBrayer
Michael Weil
Ernie Zimmerman*

I Call to Order

Chair Ron Herman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

II Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

III Roll Call

Chair Herman called the roll. Present were Ron Herman, Jacqueline Hutman, Ernie Zimmerman, Mohammed Akther, Michael Weil, William Flack and Cherie McBrayer.

Others present were Paulette Edwards, Laura Aldrich, Nicole Coates, Captain Rolando Silva, Lt. Eli Shaivitz, District Chief William Rowley, Deputy Chief Doug Clark, Major Cano,

IV Opening Comments

Chair Herman stated that anyone in attendance wishing to speak would be provided an opportunity.

V Approval of Agenda

Chair Herman called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

A motion was made by Ernie Zimmerman, seconded by Cherie McBrayer. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

VI Approval of Minutes**A. [PSC-106](#) MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Herman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2018 meeting as presented.

William Flack made the motion, seconded by Ernie Zimmerman. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

VII Staff Report

Ms. Edwards provided the staff report. Community Services would host another Village wide neighborhood watch and HOA meeting on May 8th at the Community Center. The Village's Emergency Management Director would be in attendance to discuss debris collection agreements.

The next regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee would take place on Wednesday, March 27th. At the Committee's request, staff had looked at possible dates for a joint meeting with the Education Committee. The dates of April 2nd or 3rd could be considered. Mr. Herman suggested Wednesday, April 3rd, for consistency, with a start time of 6:30 pm. The Committee agreed. Staff would look at the availability of other attendees including the school board and school police.

VIII Reports

A. [PSC-109](#) PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

Lt. Shaivitz updated the Committee on current crime trends and statistics. Crime and crash rates were down. Seasonal traffic had increased along with resident complaints.

Captain Silva reported a banner year for crime statistics. The Sheriff's office would soon be presenting their annual report to the Village Council. ALPR cameras had been recently installed at various locations within the Village. Priorities continued to focus on motors and traffic enforcement. A multi-jurisdictional task force had been addressing vehicle burglaries and the new cameras were yielding good results.

Lt. Shaivitz introduced Major Cano and Captain White from the Palm Beach County School Police.

Captain White headed the central area which included Wellington schools. Major Cano provided information on school safety and spoke about the new Chief (Kitro). Additional officers had been hired within the last six months and their contract with PBSO ensured the presence of an officer on every campus. New patrol vehicles were being purchased for the additional staffing and as replacements for aging vehicles with a continued look at expansion of both officers and resources.

B. [PSC-108](#) PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE REPORT

Chief Rowley made a presentation outlining Fire Rescue services, including station staffing and equipment. He described the method of

moving equipment between stations in order to provide coverage. He provided statistics including call volumes, types of calls and alarm activity. For large alarm calls, , responses would often come from neighboring stations outside of Wellington providing additional resources to the Village.

In response to a discussion regarding the MSTU, Ms. Edwards stated that she would invite the Village's Assistant City Manager, Jim Barnes to an upcoming meetingn to provide additional details.

Ms. Edwards introduced Nicole Coates, Wellington's Emergency Management Director, to provide updates to the Village's emergency management systems including hurricane season preparations, the use of the ICS system for emergency response and the change over from the Village's Code Red system to Civic Plus (Civic Ready) for resident notifications.

IX. Old Business

A. [PSC-110](#) PROPOSED TEXTING AND DRIVING ESSAY CONTEST - UPDATE

Mr. Herman reported on his presentation of the proposed essay contest to the Education Committee at their last meeting. The Committee members had expressed support. The Education Committee had recommended opening the contest to both Wellington high schools.

After some discussion of timing and criteria, it was agreed that Ms. Hutman would compile all of the information on the proposed essay contest into formal criteria. It was suggested that the winners chosen would be recognized at a future Council meeting. A target start date of early March was discussed with submissions due in early April following spring break.

Mr. Herman stated that he may be able to get State Representative Emily Slosberg to attend the Council meeting and present the winners.

Ms. Edwards replied that she would review that suggestion with Management staff and respond back to the Chair.

X. New Business**A. [PSC-105](#) PROPOSED NIGHTCLUB ORDINANCE**

Ms. Edwards introduced Bob Basehart, the Village's Planning Director.

Mr. Basehart presented the proposed nightclub Ordinance. The purpose of the Ordinance was to regulate locations and activities of establishments defined as nightclubs and assist in minimizing the impacts on surrounding neighborhoods, social conflict and underage drinking. Staff was seeking input from the Committee.

After some discussion, Mr. Basehart asked for a motion from the Committee.

Mr. Herman called for a motion.

Mr. Flack made a motion to approve the recommendation regarding the establishment of a nightclub ordinance as presented, seconded by Ms. Hutman. The motion was approved unanimously 7-0.

B. [PSC-107](#) 2019 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM (LWCF)

Let the record show that Mr. Akther left the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Ms. Edwards introduced the item, stating that the grant submission included a requirement that it be brought before a Village Committee as an agenda item. Action by the Committee was not required.

XI Open Discussion/Future Agenda Planning

Mr. Zimmerman asked about traffic studies related to Greenvew Shores Boulevard, expressing frustration at increased and perceived cut through traffic. He suggested installation of traffic calming measures.

Lt. Shaivitz referred the Committee to the Village's Engineering Department for traffic study information.

Ms. Edwards stated that she could invite the Village Engineer to attend an upcoming meeting.

XII. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

XIII. Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

IV. Adjournment

Mr. Herman called for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Zimmerman made the motion, seconded by Mr. Flack. The motion was approved unanimously 7-0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm