

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

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

**Tuesday, June 25, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, June 25, 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 J. Napoleone, Vice Mayor; John T. McGovern, Councilman; Michael Drahos, 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** – Ms. Elizabeth Cardozo led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **INVOCATION** – Deacon Al Payne, St. Therese de Lisieux Catholic Church, Wellington, delivered the invocation.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

1. Add “Valerie Haines, New Area Regional Superintendent for Palm Beach County, Florida Schools” to Presentations and Proclamations as item 5B.

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

5. **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**
 - A. **19-3003** A PROCLAMATION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING NEW HORIZONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ELIZABETH CARDOZO ON HER RETIREMENT AND YEARS OF SERVICE WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOLS AND TO THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

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

Ms. Elizabeth Cardozo stated it has been an honor to serve the community of New Horizons for the past fifteen years as principal and to be an educator for forty-one years. She thanked the members of the Council as well as the Education Committee for supporting the Wellington elementary, middle and high schools over the years, as it really makes a difference in the lives of the students. She said she is looking forward to this new adventure and phase in her life. She stated she is leaving the school in very capable hands.

Council thanked Ms. Cardozo for serving as an educator for forty-one years and for her continued commitment to her students and this community. Council also congratulated Ms. Cardozo on her well-deserved retirement and looked forward to calling on her in the future to perhaps assist with some Wellington projects.

B. 19-3117 VALERIE HAINES, NEW AREA REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA SCHOOLS

Mr. Schofield introduced the item.

Ms. Valerie Haines stated she grew up in Wellington and has seen it grow, but she is coming back home in a different capacity. She said she is now able to make a difference in the community and the students they serve. She stated Dr. Rodriguez did an amazing job in the years he served the Village of Wellington, and she intends to work diligently to make sure his work and the open communication continue. She said she looks forward to working with the Village.

Ms. Haines stated she was hoping to have a meet-and-greet with the Councilmembers. Mayor Gerwig said the Village would like to host that meeting. Mr. Schofield indicated Ms. Edwards will make the arrangements.

Council thanked Ms. Haines for being there and welcomed her as the new Regional Superintendent for Palm Beach County.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 19-3065 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON COUNCIL MEETINGS OF MAY 14, 2019 AND MAY 28, 2019**
- B. 19-3018 AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A STATE OF FLORIDA CONTRACT FOR SECURITY SERVICES, DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY RENEWAL & REHABILITATION PROJECT**
- C. 19-2847 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF A TINY LINE MARKER**
- D. 19-3039 RESOLUTION NO. R2019-31 (GRAND PRIX VILLAGE 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 GRAND PRIX VILLAGE PROPERTY

OWNERS ASSOCIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- E. 19-3005 AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK (CMAR) SERVICES FOR THE TOWN CENTER BOARDWALK PROJECT**

Mr. Schofield indicated no public comment cards were received.

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

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. 19-3051 ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04 [ARTICLE 5 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (LDR)]**

AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING THE WELLINGTON LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, MORE SPECIFICALLY, A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO MODIFY ARTICLE 5, IN ITS ENTIRETY, AS CONTAINED HEREIN; TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC STANDARDS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Schofield introduced this item (7A) as well as the next item (7B). Ms. Callovi read the Ordinance for 7A and the Resolution for 7B by title.

Mr. Basehart stated staff will discuss items 7A and 7B at the same time, but Council will have to vote on them separately.

Mr. Basehart indicated staff is in the process of rewriting the entire Land Development Regulation (LDR) ordinance in an effort to streamline it; reduce its size; eliminate duplication, confusion, and conflicts; and make it readable to the general population. He stated people who are not involved in zoning issues every day, often have a difficult time interpreting or understanding the current code. He said staff is hoping to reduce the entire code from about 1,200 pages to about 400 pages without losing any content.

Mr. Basehart stated staff is reducing the number of articles from fourteen to nine. He indicated Council has seen Articles 1 and 2, Article 4 is being reserved for future use, and Council approved Articles 7, 8 and 9 on first reading. He said Article 3 "Definitions" and Article 6 "Development Standards" will be coming to Council later this summer. He stated staff was hoping to bring all of the articles for second reading at the same time.

Mr. Basehart stated staff first rewrote Article 5 "Development Review Processes" to streamline it and do the other things as mentioned above for the balance of the code. He said Article 5 has been in effect for almost two years. He stated, in writing the other sections, staff has found some references to other sections in the code are changing. He said this exercise is to make those changes, so everything conforms to the elements written in Article 6, which is being worked on now.

Mr. Basehart stated the Development Review Manual (DRM) has been a big success. He said it is a how-to book for anyone using the code and making applications to the Village. He stated staff received a lot of good feedback.

Mr. Basehart stated the changes that staff needs to make reference sections and other items of the code and need to be changed in the DRM as well. He said staff added some pictures to make some of the provisions easier to understand. He indicated no substantive changes were made.

Mayor Gerwig asked if the Develop Review Committee and the Sunshine rules have been addressed. Mr. Basehart indicated staff eliminated the Development Review Committee when they amended Article 5, which is currently in effect, so there is no issue there. He stated staff substituted the committee process with the following process: The agent submits their application and it is sent to all of the reviewing agencies. Everybody comments and discusses any issues with each other. Once all comments are in and all issues are resolved, the decision to certify an application and move it to the public hearing process is made by Ms. Cramer, the Development Review Coordinator.

Mr. Schofield explained rather than having a public meeting, all of the comments are still made available to the applicant and to the public. He stated the certification decision is still with planning manager, but that title has been changed to Development Review Coordinator to be consistent with the county and other jurisdictions. He said the basic difference is that there is no public hearing.

Ms. Cramer stated staff still offers meetings with the agent should they have questions. She said the ability to sit down with the team of reviewers is also still an option.

Ms. Cohen explained the issue came about because, like many other communities, the Village had a Development Review Committee. She stated the 2009 Attorney General opinion essentially said if staff was the Development Review Committee, then staff would not be able to communicate with each other on various applications outside of the Sunshine. She said staff began holding their Development Review Committee meetings in the Sunshine and having them televised. She stated in order to eliminate that and make it so staff could communicate with each other about various applications, the Village made the change. She noted that many other communities either have made or will be making these same changes.

Mr. Schofield explained if the Village holds Development Review Committee meetings, the planner processing the application cannot ask the engineer any questions. He said staff would have to hold another advertised meeting to have that discussion. He stated, just like the Council body, no communications can be had outside of that meeting and that drastically slows down the review process. He noted the community of people who submit applications have supported the new process. Ms. Cramer indicated the new process has been in effect since 2017 and staff has not had any issues or concerns.

Ms. Cramer stated before Council tonight is Ordinance No. 2019-04, Article 5 - Development Review Procedures and Resolution R2019-15, Development Review Manual. She indicated this request is to modify Article 5 of the LDR and readopt the DRM with the resultant updates from the LDR rewrite.

Ms. Cramer stated a summary of the changes is in Council's packet. She said every change

staff has made from the first adoption is listed in order, so Council can see the highlighted changes and exactly what was changed. She stated this quick reference guide shows that the changes were very minimal.

Ms. Cramer stated staff added information regarding landscaping, sign graphics, lighting information, and other helpful links and resources. She said the type of information in the DRM is more resource in nature and not necessarily requirements. She stated the actual requirements are still in the LDR.

Ms. Cramer stated the purpose of the rewrite is to streamline the process to provide clear and accurate information to all audiences; provide standards that are based on Wellington's needs; and protect the health, safety and welfare of the community. She said Article 5 in the DRM was previously adopted and the current request is just to modify it. She indicated Articles 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 have been approved through first reading. She stated Articles 6 and 3 are in the rewrite process and will be moving forward within the next two months.

Ms. Cramer stated staff's recommendation is approval of Ordinance 2019-04 and Resolution R2019-15.

Councilman McGovern stated both the Ordinance and Resolution were presented to Planning and Zoning and approved. He said Council approved the rewrite of Article 5 two years ago. He asked if additional tweaks or changes will need to be made to Articles 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9.

Mr. Basehart stated there will be some minor changes to the references to other sections in the code. He said codes are complicated and breathing documents. He stated new development types occasionally occur, so staff has to keep updating the code. He anticipated that within one year of the adoption of the entire code, Council would receive a glitch bill. He stated the glitch bill will include little amendments to the code to take care of any issues that were not anticipated when the code was originally written and adopted. He said staff's objective is to keep those amendments to an absolute minimum.

Ms. Cramer stated Article 6 has a lot of information. She said some of it is duplicated in and more appropriate in Articles 7, 8 or 9, so text has either been moved, fixed, modified or deleted. She said anything added from Article 6 that was not there at the time of first reading will be in the same chart and format for second reading.

Mr. Schofield noted that staff is not making the rules any more difficult or any less complete than before. He said just the duplications have been removed. He stated Article 5 originally had six or seven different processes for an approval that is essentially identical, so now there is only one process. He said staff has same level of control. He stated they are just trying to make it so the average person can understand the Village code.

Vice Mayor Napoleone stated simplifying the Village code has been Council's goal for a long time. He said a lot of items did not apply to Wellington, because the Village adopted the county code. He stated it is now Wellington specific to what they have been doing all along. He commended staff for doing a great job. He said taking the Village code from 1,200 pages down to 400 pages is a phenomenal improvement.

Mayor Gerwig stated she appreciated the chart, because it shows how little the code actually changed. She said she liked how staff added Wellington's unique aspects to it.

Public Hearing

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

There being no public comments, a motion was made by Councilman Drahos, seconded by Councilman McGovern, and unanimously passed (5-0), to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Councilman Drahos, seconded by Vice Mayor Napoleone, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve Ordinance No. 2019-04 [Article 5 of the Land Development Regulations (LDR)].

B. 19-3052 RESOLUTION NO. R2019-15 (DEVELOPMENT REVIEW MANUAL)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL, ADOPTING THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW MANUAL, AS MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, TO PROVIDE FORMS FOR PLANNING AND ZONING APPLICATION TYPES, SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS, REVIEW CRITERIA AND DETAIL THE PROCESS FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS AS REQUIRED IN ARTICLE 5 OF WELLINGTON'S LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND TO COMPLY WITH FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Refer to item 7A above for a summary of Council's discussion.

A motion was made by Councilman Drahos, seconded by Councilwoman Siskind, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve Resolution No. R2019-15 (Development Review Manual).

8. REGULAR AGENDA

There were no Regular Agenda items.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Schofield indicated no public comment cards were received.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

- She indicated that she, along with Vice Mayor Napoleone and Mr. Schofield, will be attending the mediation in the Pine Tree matter tomorrow at 10:00 AM. She said they will report back to Council at the conclusion of the mediation.

11. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- The next Regular Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. He reminded everyone that it is Council's practice to hold only one meeting in July.
- Village offices will be closed Thursday, July 4, 2019, in observance of Independence Day.
- Wellington's Fourth of July celebrations will start at 12:00 noon at the Aquatics Complex and at 6:00 PM at Village Park where fireworks will begin at 9:15 PM.
- He stated he received an e-mail request from Anna Yeskey, Intergovernmental Plan and Amendment Review Committee (IPARC). She advised that the countywide Issues Forum will be reestablished and requested that the Council nominate a member and an alternate. Mr. Schofield stated it has been nearly a decade since the Issues Forum has met. He said the county has asked to reconstitute it, so that any countywide issues could be discussed. He indicated that in one of his Weekly's he provided some countywide topics that could be considered, like the levy at Lake Okeechobee, discharges with phosphorous, etc. He stated it has been Councils' practice in the past to appoint the mayor and vice mayor as the member and alternate, respectively, but that is entirely up to this Council.

Mayor Gerwig stated part of her presidential initiative for the Palm Beach County League of Cities was to reestablish the Issues Forum. She said the forum broke down when there was a lawsuit with some of the cities against the county. She thought it was regarding the funding of the IG, some organizing discrepancies, and having those kinds of conversations. She stated she liked the fact the Issues Forum was getting back together, but it is not the place for all grievances. She explained that every city is required to have intergovernmental coordination as a part of their comp plan. She said it meets the requirement for the city, so it is important.

Mayor Gerwig stated she thought the manure issue should be addressed. She said they have talked again and again about the fact it is not a Wellington problem, as the government of Wellington does not even own a horse to produce any manure. She stated it is a significant problem for the community, for their neighbors to the north and south, and particularly the county itself. She said she thought it was the best place to take the conversation beyond just Wellington's obligation to this issue. She stated her idea was for the Village to bring it to the Issues Forum, but it has to be voted on by this Council to be brought to the Forum. She indicated their next meeting is August 25, 2019. She said she is on the Executive Board, but that did not mean that she has to be the designated member of this Council.

Council agreed on having Mayor Gerwig as the member and Vice Mayor Napoleone as the alternate.

Vice Mayor Napoleone thought the manure issue should be addressed, as the Village has been trying to address the current problem off 50th Street locally and internally. He said the issue needs to be escalated and have more voices engaged in the discussion.

Councilman McGovern stated he agreed. He said it should be discussed in August or at some point when more equestrians are here.

Mayor Gerwig explained the issue would be brought to the Issues Forum as a subject to be discussed and then they would decide how it would be presented. She stated first the Village has to say it is something that should be brought forward and then the Issues Forum itself would have to say that they agree.

Mayor Gerwig stated she used the manure issue as an example, when they were discussing what kind of issues should be brought to the Issues Forum, but they said it does not necessarily affect every city. She said she kind of persuaded them that it does affect a significant number of cities as well as the county. She stated she went into detail as to why it was not just a Wellington problem, and why it was a problem for west Jupiter, the county, the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, and significant areas in west Boynton.

Mr. Schofield stated the topics he suggested in his Weekly's included the septic to sewer conversions, as that will be a critical countywide issue and Village issue; discharges from Lake Okeechobee, as they deal with blue-green algae; and the State Road 80 transportation corridor, as they are looking at the work that is underway now. He said there is also a push for rail and many other things that the Village will not see for a couple of decades. He stated he thought these four discussion items were critical to Wellington and countywide.

Council agreed to present these topics to the Issues Forum. Mayor Gerwig stated she will call for a vote just to make it clear. She said they will present these four issues to the Issues Forum and the forum will decide whether the issues are countywide or affect enough cities to be brought up.

Mayor Gerwig stated this is also an agency procedure that will help if something happens that affects two cities. She said many times one municipality will be required to provide services to someone outside their area, and there may be some conflict over that. She indicated this type of issue can also be brought to the Issues Forum, as the county is not necessarily at the table.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Napoleone, seconded by Councilman Drahos, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve presenting the four topics as discussed to the Issues Forum.

Public Comments

A public comment card was received at this time.

1. Peter Tauber, 13676 Folkestone Court, Wellington. Mr. Tauber spoke about the great services in Wellington, including the programs for seniors. He stated everyone does a great job in the Village, specifically the Community Services Department. However, there is pothole problem in the shopping center across from the Publix, where Bealls, U-Fit gym and the movie theater is located. He said the pot holes become sink holes when it is raining.

Mr. Schofield indicated the Village has issued Notices of Corrections to that shopping center.

- Mr. Schofield stated late this afternoon he received a request for assistance from the

Town of Loxahatchee Groves. He said they are working with the Transportation Planning Agency on a grant for trails along Okeechobee Boulevard and F Road. He stated the county had been serving as their Local Agency Partner (LAP), but the county is no longer willing to do that for the trail along F Road. He said Loxahatchee has asked if Wellington would consider doing it, because the Village has experience as a LAP and with equestrian trails.

Mr. Schofield stated, to the extent that this involves submitting the application, he is recommending to Council that Wellington can do this. He said the county did not provide a reason for withdrawing. Vice Mayor Napoleone noted that the letter stated it was because it was on town owned property and not county owned property.

Mr. Schofield explained there are issues with responsibility and accountability that go with being the LAP agency once it gets to the construction phase. He said while he is prepared to support Loxahatchee in allowing them to move forward with the application and to take the six or seven months that it will require to become LAP certified, he did not think the Village was in the position to oversee and manage construction. He stated for the Village to do that, there are state and federal guidelines in terms of payment, oversight and certifications. He said that part of the project is not within their boundaries, as the Village is ill equipped to do it. He stated, knowing that funding for this project is at least eighteen months and perhaps thirty-six months off, if the Village can help Loxahatchee it should. He said he does not think the Village should go further than the permit and basic survey, none of which are funded by LAP, as the Town of Loxahatchee Groves will have to do that on their own.

Councilman Drahos asked, if the Village was to agree and Loxahatchee becomes certified, if the Village can withdraw like the county did. Mr. Schofield stated Wellington will withdraw. He said this will be contingent on Loxahatchee getting their LAP certification.

Councilman McGovern stated Loxahatchee would then be the certifying agency for themselves. Mr. Schofield said that was correct. Mr. Schofield indicated the Village would only be helping Loxahatchee with getting their application in, getting through the initial stages, and allowing them time to get their own LAP certification.

Councilman Drahos asked why the county would not wait until Loxahatchee received their certification. Mr. Schofield stated he could only tell Council if they were asking him if the Village should become the LAP partner for the entire phase of construction, he would tell them no.

Councilman McGovern stated he thinks the issue is that Loxahatchee has a July 1st deadline. So if there is no meeting of the County Commission, they might not be able to do that. He indicated Mr. Titcomb's email to Mr. Schofield states that it will be followed with an Interlocal Agreement that would meet both municipalities' interests. Councilman McGovern asked if they were still talking about doing that. Mr. Schofield stated the Village needed to do that. He indicated the problem that he and Mr. Titcomb have is that neither one of them can approve the Interlocal Agreement. He said it would need legal review on the Village's part. He stated the soonest staff could have it back to Council is July 9, 2019, and he is not sure if it can be done by then. He said he would like to get to the point where Loxahatchee can at least make the application by the July 1st deadline.

Mayor Gerwig stated the idea behind an Interlocal Agreement is the mutual benefit to both municipalities. She said the Village has a horse community that crosses over. She asked if having trail systems that work north of the Village is a benefit to Wellington. Mr. Schofield stated the Village built the multipurpose path along Flying Cow Road, which will take them out to what is supposed to be the Lake Worth Lagoon to the Lake Okeechobee Trail. He said there is some benefit, as Loxahatchee uses Village facilities and there is some cross between the two communities.

Vice Mayor Napoleone asked if there was any cost to the Village in doing this for Loxahatchee that would not be reimbursed. Mr. Schofield indicated the only initial costs would be the time it takes him to work out the agreement and the time it takes Ms. Cohen to review it. He said any design costs are strictly on the Town of Loxahatchee Groves. He stated he is not in the position nor would he recommend the Village expend funds in another community.

Mayor Gerwig stated the Council could approve this, as she thinks Loxahatchee is a good neighbor and they do have mutual interests, but it has to be looked at by legal. Councilman McGovern said it has to be legal, allowable and something the Village can do for Loxahatchee. He stated the Village will need a way to back out if Loxahatchee does not become LAP certified.

Mr. Schofield indicated the agreement will state if Loxahatchee does not become LAP certified then Wellington is withdrawing regardless. He stated he is not altogether certain that as a municipality the Village can be the LAP partner or another municipality, so he has to clear that up with FDOT in the morning. He said assuming that is allowable, they can move forward. He stated he did not have enough time to get to FDOT, as he did not receive this request until after 5:00 PM today.

Vice Mayor Napoleone stated if the Village is allowed to sponsor Loxahatchee as a co-municipality, he is okay with doing it, knowing that it is only the time commitment of Mr. Schofield and Ms. Cohen to help put together the documents that ensure the Village is just in a sponsor capacity to help Loxahatchee apply for their grant. He said, hopefully, once Loxahatchee gets certified they can run with the project themselves. He stated if the Village has no outlay of cash, he is okay with helping their neighbors.

Councilman Drahos stated he is fine with it as well, as long as the Village's role is clearly defined and there is a clear exit. He said he would like to think that if the roles were reversed that Loxahatchee would come to Wellington's aid. He stated the Village should be a good neighbor, as they have mutual interests here.

Councilman McGovern stated he agreed. He said he believed they have mutual interests to seeing Loxahatchee have a functioning trail system that allows for safe travel for all horses. He thought this was a western communities issue and the Village should do it if they can. He stated the Village needs to make sure they are legally on safe ground and protected if Loxahatchee does not become LAP certified.

Ms. Cohen indicated she has Council's consensus to move forward on this.

Mayor Gerwig indicated another public comment card was just received.

1. Haakon Gangnes, 13783 53rd Road, South, Wellington. Mr. Gangnes stated "Ask not what

your Village can do for you, but what you can do for your Village.” He said he sat and listened to the narrative during the Council Workshop meetings. He stated they needed to find a way to regulate the manure operations, because of the Right to Farm Act, etc. He indicated that as of June 5th the state has come back with the requirement that this activity needs to be permitted as a solid waste. He said the Village has a way to regulate them, yet they are still operating. He asked what action will be taken.

Mayor Gerwig stated the Council does not engage, as it is the public’s turn talk and the Council’s turn to listen. Mr. Schofield said he would call Mr. Gangnes in the morning.

Mr. Gangnes also inquired about the code simplification. He asked if someone from the public has read it, to get their interpretation and thoughts. Mr. Schofield indicated that has been done.

2. At this point, Mr. Tauber stated he had another comment. He said the concert series at the amphitheater are fantastic. He stated it seems to be run so well and everyone enjoys themselves.

Mayor Gerwig indicated she allowed Mr. Tauber to speak out of turn since it was a light meeting. She stated the Village takes public comment seriously as a community, so they want to engage with the public as much as possible.

Mayor Gerwig stated the first step in rewriting the code was interacting with the community about how they are using it and how the Village should change it. She said they were getting a lot of pressure from the developers, residents, etc., who were saying it was difficult, cumbersome, and confusing. She stated the rewrite was resident driven.

Mr. Schofield stated staff has been in the process of rewriting the code for almost two years. Mayor Gerwig said it has been a huge amount of work and some staff members have been wholly dedicated to it.

Mr. Schofield stated the revised code was given some of the new staff members to review. He said one positive change is that Ms. Ferraiolo who started as a planning technician read it for simplicity and understanding, and part of the byproduct is that she has become one of their better planners and understands the code very well.

Mayor Gerwig stated she thought all of the interaction with this project has made it successful. She said when it comes to public input it can be messy. She stated a neighboring community has a difficult time with it and that is okay, as it is part of dealing with the public. She said when comes to erring on the side of letting someone speak, even if she disagrees with them, she is always going to be open to that because that is their role.

12. COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILWOMAN SISKIND: Councilwoman Siskind presented the following report:

- She congratulated Chevelle Nubin, Village Clerk, on receiving the Robert N. Clark Memorial Award from the Florida Association of City Clerks.
- She wished everyone a safe and fun Fourth of July.

COUNCILMAN MCGOVERN: Councilman McGovern presented the following report:

- He stated he hoped to see everyone on the Fourth of July.
- He welcomed Valerie Haines as the new Area Regional Superintendent for Palm Beach County Schools.
- He thanked the Parks & Recreation staff for working with the American Legion, as he and Councilman Drahos had attended their Veterans Open House on June 5th. Councilman McGovern stated he felt this important event should be held every year. He hoped more people will come and take advantage of those organizations and services in the community to help veterans.

COUNCILMAN DRAHOS: Councilman Drahos presented the following report:

- He stated he looked forward to seeing everyone on the Fourth of July. He said staff does a great job with the fireworks every year, so he was looking forward to it.

VICE MAYOR NAPOLEONE: Vice Mayor Napoleone presented the following report:

- He hoped that everyone was having a great summer. He encouraged everyone to stay hydrated, since it has been a dangerously hot summer.
- With the Fourth of July coming up, he asked everyone not to set off personal fireworks, because it is illegal and things can catch on fire since it has been so dry. He encouraged everyone to go to the designated fireworks show that is put on safely by professionals.
- He apologized for missing the July meeting, as it conflicts with his family's annual vacation.

MAYOR GERWIG: Mayor Gerwig presented the following report:

- She stated it is very dangerous to set off fireworks and people should not be doing it in their neighborhoods. She said children have been hurt each year from fireworks and it adversely affects people and animals. She stated everyone should come to the Village's events. She encouraged people to use the shuttle buses and to be patient when coming in and out of the venue. She indicated the Patriotic Pool party starts at noon at the Aquatics Complex. She thanked staff for trying to make the Fourth of July celebration a whole day event.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:03 PM.

Approved:

Anne Gerwig, Mayor

Chevelle D. Nubin, Village Clerk