

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

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

**Wednesday, March 18 2020
3:30 PM**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Special Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, commencing at 3:30 PM 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, Deputy Village Manager; and Chevelle D. Addie, Village Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Gerwig called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Mayor Gerwig stated that they are attending this meeting on an emergency basis for COVID – 19.

Mr. Schofield explained that it would be a very limited meeting and everything on the agenda will be directly related to the emergency status. He wants to give an update and get some direction on policy from them for going forward for the next few weeks. He stated that there will not be another meeting until April and there were a couple of things he needed to get ratified.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Gerwig led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL AGENDA**

Mr. Schofield indicated staff is recommending approval of the agenda as amended:

- A. Add Letter from the City of West Palm Beach to Senator Scott for discussion.
- B. Add Summary of the Actions and Status to date as item 4E.

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

4. **SPECIAL AGENDA**

- A. **20-3733** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH CONTRACT, AS A BASIS FOR PRICING, FOR SUPPLEMENTAL

LABOR AT THE WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

Mr. Schofield introduced this item. He explained that this was for our ability to contract with a private utility firm in the case that we need water or sewer plant operators or specialty employees when our employees are out. He explained that just that day, they were missing 10% of their employees because of various reasons, such as childcare due to school closings and some are in voluntary isolation based on air travel to where the virus may have been. He mentioned that they would not use this unless they were down personnel, but this provides the ability to utilize operators should they need them.

Councilman McGovern asked if this was to ensure the absolute functionality of our utilities throughout the duration of this event, however long that may be.

Mr. Schofield replied yes.

Mayor Gerwig asked if this would be an agreement with just one company.

Mr. Schofield stated that he believed it was just with one company. He said that this agreement is with US Water Services, which has the largest number of available operators. He explained that if they needed more, then he would bring it back to the Council at another meeting to ask for approval with another company.

Councilman McGovern asked, just to make it clear, that they do not need these people today and this is only a backup plan.

Mr. Schofield stated that they do not need these people today. He said that this would be similar to when they do not have enough building inspectors and they would bring another in to help. He said that this agreement is only in the event if we would have a shortage of water operators and we would bring them in for back up just for a short period of time.

A motion was made by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilwoman Siskind, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve authorization to utilize a City of West Palm Beach contract, as a basis for pricing, for supplemental labor in the Utility Department for approximately \$60,000 annually.

B. 20-3734 AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW EXISTING CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SOD

Mr. Schofield introduced this item. He explained that since there is no outdoor or organized programming, there are no people out in the field. He stated that there are people in the Parks and Public Works Departments who can go in and do some of the much needed maintenance. He said that he would like to move some of them to re-sod some of the areas.

Mr. Barnes discussed the areas that we currently sod and what type of sod we use. He said that they are bringing this to the Council now for two reasons. One is that the contract is ready for renewal. The second is that they are selecting different locations within the park areas of the Village to go ahead and re-sod while they are not in use. He said that this is not major renovation, but they intend to do large multi-purpose areas that may exceed 90,000 square feet. He stated that as of right now, they have selected

two fields in which they are proposing to utilize this contract in addition to their usual \$270,000 budget for field miscellaneous maintenance, right of way maintenance and median maintenance. The proposed fields are Field 14 at Village Park, which is the travel soccer field that has a lot of deterioration of turf, and the multi-purpose field at Olympia Park, which gets a lot of use between the recreation programs and with the school. In addition, they have identified \$120,000 worth of repairs throughout the parks.

Councilwoman Siskind asked if this was currently in the 2020 Public Works budget.

Mr. Barnes stated that it was all currently either in the 2020 operating budget for Public Works or under major maintenance or a capital program for Parks maintenance.

Vice Mayor Napoleone asked if this would allow the Village to do the work now while the fields are not in use and keep employees employed.

Mr. Barnes said that was one factor and it allows more growing when we normally do not have time to allow sod to grow.

Mr. Schofield explained that they would like to take care of the fields now while no one is on them instead of doing the work while the kids are on them.

Councilman McGovern stated that he appreciates the foresight and the way to take advantage of this down time. He stated that his concern was the ability to take on this project safely with the staff observing safe distances. He asked if Mr. Barnes could reassure him and the rest of the public that this would be done.

Mr. Barnes stated that staff and contractor safety is absolutely the upmost priority. He said that based on the type of work that it is, you will not have staff immediately adjacent to each other and they feel that they can do it quite safely and take advantage of the time when others will not be out at the park.

Mayor Gerwig stated that it is a good use of resources and thanked them for bringing it forward. She said it is not necessarily an emergency, but it is the best thing to do right now.

Mr. Barnes stated it was Park Maintenance Staff that came up with this solution.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Napoleone, seconded by Councilman Drahos, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the authorization to renew existing contracts for the purchase of sod in the amount of approximately \$270,000.00 annually and sports field renovation projects exceeding \$25,000.

C. 20-3735 AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE DISASTER FUNDS

Mr. Schofield introduced the item. He explained that each year they budget a line item for emergency operating funds. He said that it is budgeted at three million dollars for this exact type of event that it is intended to be used. He said that at this point there are minimal expenses. He will discuss later some of the things they are doing, such as lifting the ride cap on the STAR program, which is the transportation program for seniors, the availability of food and supplies if needed for those who can't otherwise do

it for themselves, suspension on cut-offs of utility services during this period if there is a need, suspension of Parks and Rec services and activities with no revenue coming in and refunds will be issued for programs that will not be taking place. He stated that right now he is seeking authority to be able to use those emergency funds under the guidelines established in the budget and in the emergency order.

Councilman Drahos asked once the money is transferred over, who has the authority to spend it.

Mr. Schofield stated that he would have the authority to allocate it no differently than our daily operations. He mentioned that at certain levels of spending, it would still come to Council for approval.

Councilman Drahos asked what the monetary limit was when he would have to come to Council.

Mr. Schofield informed the Council that it was anything over \$25,000, which is the same as it is with the normal operating budget. He said that if there were a true emergency and he does not have the time to get the approval from Council, he will authorize and then will let Council know. He said that the reason for today's request is to just make those funds available for expenses that they could not have foreseen.

Councilman McGovern stated that making sure the entire three million dollars available is exactly what we need to do. He stated that he is obviously aware that if something is needed, they will be briefed as they are currently being briefed on a regular basis.

Mr. Schofield mentioned that the last time there was an emergency expense that the Council was informed of after the fact was with a needed well repair that occurred while they were already doing other work on the well and had to be fixed right then. He stated that with schedule they are currently on, it is highly unlikely that he will have to purchase something without their prior approval.

Mayor Gerwig stated that is what the emergency status is for and they have enacted the level that allows you to make that decision.

Councilman McGovern stated that they have budgeted this money exactly for this purpose. He said that it is not every community that has the resources that this Village has in the planning capability in advance in this level and in that amount. He said that he is very thankful they do and it is exactly what they should be doing.

Mayor Gerwig stated that some of the elderly Wellington residents still want to be independent and get their shopping done, but they should call Community Services. Community Services will contact some of their partners and figure out how to get the residents what they need.

Mr. Schofield stated that the number they should call is 561-791-4726. He said they will have services available by staff and through their partners.

Mayor Gerwig discussed the stigma that is associated with people that have or have had COVID-19. She stated they should be treated fairly and not with fear.

Mr. Schofield stated that this will be around for some time and we need to be supportive

and conscious of that. He said that there should be no more stigma to it than someone getting the cold or flu. His advice is to be helpful, not hurtful.

Councilman Drahos asked if Mr. Schofield should become ill, who would then have the authority to make those decisions.

Mr. Schofield stated that it automatically would go to Mr. Barnes. He said that he has two senior managers. The direct chain would be Mr. Schofield to Mr. Barnes to Mrs. Quickel. He said that for the duration of this, he would like to have Mr. Barnes be designated as the Deputy Village Manager and Mrs. Quickel is the Assistant Village Manager so the pass of authority is automatic. He said that if it were to go further than that, then the next in the chain would be Mr. De La Vega and then Ms. LaRocque.

Mayor Gerwig stated that with the type of illness we are dealing with, it is possible that people who work closely together will pass it and not realizing that they are.

Mr. Schofield stated that Councilman Drahos' concern is valid in this case. Based on age and condition, one could not know how things could affect others.

Councilwoman Siskind asked if the emergency funds have ever been depleted.

Mr. Schofield stated that it had been used before in each of the past hurricanes for the cleanup and has been replenished. These funds are reimbursed by FEMA, although it may take a few years to get the reimbursement. He said that with every major storm, they have used some part of the fund.

Mayor Gerwig mentioned that this one is out of the norm for the Village that they may see things done differently because it is not a natural disaster.

Mr. Schofield stated what was different about this one is that this is so widespread across the country and the economic impacts will be felt across the entire nation, not just regionally. He said that he believes there will be reimbursement, but it will take some time.

Ms. Cohen reminded Council that the purchasing authority is normally \$25,000. She stated that with the emergency management powers passed by ordinance, which has been invoked, the Manager is allowed to make the emergency expenditures and exceed that amount without authorization if deemed necessary for the duration of the emergency. She stated that the authority already exists with the declaration of the emergency.

A motion was made by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilman Drahos, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the authorization to utilize disaster funds.

A motion was made by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilman Drahos, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the succession plan of Mr. Schofield, Mr. Barnes, Ms. Quickel, Mr. De La Vega and Ms. LaRocque (in that order).

Ms. Cohen stated that she would be there to advise, as well as Ms. Bausch. She said that in the event that neither were available, she would recommend reaching out to the

Torcivia Law Firm or another law firm that would have experience in municipal law and emergency management issues.

D. 20-3736 DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES ACCESS

Mayor Gerwig asked for information on this, as the Governor is not requiring anything specifically.

Mr. Schofield introduced the item. He said that he has been getting many questions on this internally and externally about what facilities are open or not. He said that as of now, facilities are open, but indoor programming is cancelled. Village Hall is open and completely accessible. He stated that they have seen a drop in traffic to the building and believes people are doing what is recommended as far as utilizing electronic means and phones to communicate with staff. He said that the Village is mirroring what the County is doing with facilities. They are closing their playgrounds and pools. The Village has not yet closed either of those, but it is his recommendation that they do so. He reported that the master's program, high school programs and aerobics programs have been cancelled.

Mayor Gerwig asked about considering the closure of the playgrounds because they really do not want children gathering and there is very little social distancing, but they need to give the residents something to do. She wanted to know if there was any medical advisor on whether or not the chlorine killed the virus and if it was safe to gather in chlorinated water at the pools.

Mr. Barnes stated that he cannot speak medically, but the policy and scientific direction that has been received by trade organizations like Water Park Association confirms that COVID-19 is not water transmitted. The issue that forced the County to close the aquatic facilities and playgrounds is that it became difficult to control the reduction of social distancing numbers. He stated that the longer that there are no other activities available, it is becoming more of an attractive relief to those that have no other activities to attend. He said that this is why they are recommending closure at this time.

Councilman Drahos asked the time frame of the recommended closure.

Mr. Barnes stated that it would be indefinitely, until such time that they believe social distancing and mass gatherings can go back to a reasonable number.

Mayor Gerwig said that it should be closed until it is deemed safe and then asked if the tennis facility is still open.

Mr. Schofield stated that the courts and the bathrooms are open, but the building, including the pro-shop, is closed.

Councilman McGovern asked if there was increased cleaning there.

Mr. Barnes responded that there was.

Mayor Gerwig stated that being locked inside is a mental stress for families and everyone.

Mr. Barnes stated that all the parks are still open, but not the interior buildings and the playgrounds. As far as the other playgrounds, they will also be posting a sign that they do not recommend congregating at the parks and that playgrounds are closed. They will not be staffing the facilities to make sure people are not there and kicking them out. Scott's Place will be the only area that the gates will be locked down, except for the restrooms.

Councilman Drahos asked if the dog parks will remain open.

Mr. Barnes stated that the dog park will remain open. They have been getting many comments of both sides of that argument.

Councilman McGovern stated that they will have to look at each area and determine which will stay open and which ones will not.

Mayor Gerwig asked if animals can carry the COVID-19 virus.

Mr. Barnes mentioned that there was a recent published article that said dogs do not carry the virus. He said that he could not speak to the accuracy of this information.

Mayor Gerwig asked if the same posting of signs will go at the dog parks.

Mr. Barnes stated they will follow the same message of practicing social distancing, washing of hands and not touching your face as well as playground is closed.

Councilman Drahos asked if Section 24 will remain open.

Mr. Barnes stated that it would be.

Councilman Drahos asked about the sanitizer stations being placed in the parks.

Mr. Barnes stated that since they will be closed, there really is no reason to place the stations there. He mentioned that they will probably be placed near the restroom facilities.

Mayor Gerwig stated that she does not think the hand sanitizers should go near the restrooms facilities and that she preferred to enforce the washing of hands at the restrooms.

Councilman McGovern asked if they were closing the tower at Section 24.

Mr. Barnes stated that they have no plans to do that, as it would be too difficult to mount a gate to keep anyone out.

Mayor Gerwig stated this is going to take a lot of personal responsibility from everyone. She summarized by saying that for now we are closing the pool, closing playgrounds where we can, and placing signage in other places.

Councilman McGovern said that we also need to place hand sanitizer where we do not have restrooms. Those areas with restrooms will have heightened cleaning and stocked

with soap for handwashing.

E. SUBMISSION OF WEST PALM BEACH LETTER AND SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND STATUS TO DATE

Ms. Cohen explained that the letter is the same verbiage and they are asking to expand the CDBG Grant Program to allow communities to expand the uses of the COVID-19 funds.

Vice Mayor Napoleone asked if it was asking for more flexibility in how the funds can be used.

Ms. Cohen stated that yes, more flexibility and asking for increased funding.

Councilman Drahos expressed his appreciation in the initiative.

There was a Council consensus to go forward with this letter.

Mayor Gerwig asked about what was needed and what could Council do to get involved during this time.

Mr. Schofield stated that all volunteer efforts are working through Community Services. He stated that they have teams out informing the community where testing can be done, what services are available and what services are free. They will be doing this until it is no longer safe to do so. He said that where they may need help, and not at this point, but most likely when the virus becomes more common in the community, they will need food, or the access to be able to go get food. He said that at this point, they have reached out to the special needs population that they are aware of. If they are not aware of them, then they would like to encourage others to let them know so they can reach out.

Mayor Gerwig encouraged those who are in special circumstances to contact Community Services and let them know what is needed.

Mr. Schofield stated that there is trouble finding masks. He said that they are reaching out to some associations to see what they can do about finding the N95 masks.

Vice Mayor Napoleone encouraged those high school or college students who have babysitting experience to sign up on www.care.com. This would be to help those who have lost their childcare and still need to work such as first responders, medical care workers and law enforcement.

Mr. Schofield stated if they have ideas on what can be done, to give Mr. Barnes or himself a call. He also stated that Nicole Coates, Emergency Management Director, is usually in the Executive Suite and they have moved Gloria Kelly to help with those operations. He said that they are welcome to call those women with the ideas as well. He stated that there is a lot of paperwork once Emergency Declarations have been made.

Councilman Drahos asked if they knew what the mall was doing and if they were staying open.

Mr. Schofield said that the mall has reduced operating hours.

Councilman McGovern stated that the reduced hours are on the mall's website and on the Chamber of Commerce's websites and Macy's has closed nationally until the end of the month. He said there are decisions being made at the mall level and at the individual store's level.

Councilwoman Siskind asked if any of the restaurants will be closed all together like the bars and nightclubs have or will they just continue with online and curbside.

Mr. Schofield stated that nightclubs and bars are closed for the next thirty days. He said that restaurants, by State Order, are restricted to half of their occupancy. He mentioned that some restaurants have gone strictly to online pickup/delivery. He said that after the call the previous evening, they found out that doctors will be able to order the COVID-19 test from LabCorp or Quest.

Councilman McGovern asked if the Governor's Order, 2020-68, had been placed on our website.

Mr. Schofield stated he was not sure, but knows that if it is not, then it will be on shortly.

Councilman McGovern stated that there is a lot of misinformation out there and he thinks it is important that the Wellington residents know that on Wellingtonfl.gov and on the Wellington, FL Facebook page, they can find regularly updated and correct information.

Mr. Schofield stated that they have moved people over to make sure that those sites are updated regularly and they are keeping an eye on the social media to make sure that correct things are stated regarding the Village of Wellington. He assured the residents that their elected officials are doing what they are supposed to and far more.

Mayor Gerwig stated that the Governor's Orders are not Wellington's orders, but they are the law of Florida, which affects them all. She said that it is very important that the Village direct them to the correct information.

Councilman McGovern mentioned that all of these restrictions from the Governor and the President of the United States are because they cannot enforce the social distancing. He said that they want their businesses to survive, thrive and make it through this. They want the residents to have these things in their community and be here when this crisis is over, so this is about everyone being in it together and doing their part. He said the longer they can observe social distancing, then the longer they will not have more severe orders.

Councilman Drahos suggested over-tipping the servers when going to restaurants or getting takeout/delivery because this is not a normal situation for them and they need the assistance as well.

Councilwoman Siskind asked about doing a Public Service Announcement about the restaurants and supporting them.

Mr. Schofield stated that they are in the process of doing that possibly on Friday. He said that there is one business in particular that they would like to highlight as they doing what they should be in the way of service at the restaurant.

Councilwoman Siskind stated that she has also seen on social media many off the cuff comments similar to this virus is just like the flu and everyone will recover from it. She said that even if it is true, she wanted to remind people about those with compromised immune systems, the elderly and those with chronic illnesses. She said that this time is really about flattening the curve because we do not want to overwhelm our healthcare system.

Mayor Gerwig stated that there is not a huge problem now, but that it just needs to be prevented.

Councilwoman Siskind stated that this virus is very different and it is serious.

Mr. Schofield stated that this virus is very different. COVID is the same class of viruses as Influenza A and B, but everyone has been subjected to those, just not this strain. Until there is a vaccine, everyone will have to get through it.

Mayor Gerwig stated that there are very few cases locally.

Mr. Schofield stated that in flu season, Influenza A and B affect many older people, young children and those with underlying health issues. This strain is affecting all ranges of people in addition to those that A and B would affect. This is why everyone needs to look out for his or her neighbors, wash hands and enact social distancing to prevent the spread of this virus.

Councilman McGovern asked if there is anything that Captain Rolando Silva has seen that the residents or the Council should know in regards to COVID-19.

Captain Silva stated that policies are constantly changing, but as far as the Village of Wellington, everyone seems to be going along with the program. He stated that they really have not had any issues. He said they are planning and having meetings to talk with different places of business to keep planning ahead and being prepared.

Mayor Gerwig reminded everyone that people need to show some sort of decorum while they are out. She also reminded people that golf carts are not legal to ride on the sidewalks.

Councilman Drahos stated that they received a lot of resident input on what they thought should be done at this meeting. He said that Council will do everything that is possible. He said that the residents should know and feel comfortable that they have a Council that has worked together for four years, a Village Manager for over twelve years and a handful of others on the team that go over all issues as they come up and are doing all they can to be as proactive and prepared as possible. He said they are doing all of this to make sure the residents are in the best position possible.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comment cards for Public Forum.

6. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

- Ms. Cohen informed the Council that the Supreme Court has suspended all non-essential hearings and matters that occur at the courthouse.
- She said that the Legal Department is continuing to work with all other departments, as necessary, when questions arise of what they can and cannot do during this emergency.
- She discussed that a law firm has written to the Governor asking for an executive order to suspend the requirement regarding a quorum being physically present for meetings. She briefly discussed requirements that would need to be in place if the Council holds a remote type of meeting. She said that as long as the residents have an option to be able to call in and be heard during the meeting, it should not be an issue.

Mayor Gerwig asked if they should give direction on this at the meeting.

Councilman McGovern stated that these orders are statewide orders. He said that some municipalities, such as Wellington, have the ability to conduct meetings in person longer than others because of the space available and the ability to tape off seating to permit so many in the room.

Ms. Cohen stated that she agreed, but municipal attorneys are aware of the fact that this may be a necessity and she just wanted to assure them that if it were to become a necessity, they were permitted to do as such under the Governor's current order. She explained that if this were to be something they wanted to discuss at another meeting, she recommends possibly discussing just this one matter at the meeting.

Mayor Gerwig stated that the next meeting would be Tuesday, April 14, 2020 and until something changes they will plan on everything as normal.

Councilman McGovern asked if the tape was going to remain on the chairs.

Mr. Schofield stated that the way he understands it, things will remain this way until at least the end of April.

Mayor Gerwig stated that if the next meeting is the meeting where the Council members are sworn in, they may want to limit the amount of people that are invited to attend as well as at the celebration.

Mr. Schofield informed them that they would know ahead of time if something were to change.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Mr. Schofield stated that the website is where you will be able to find all the current information. He said that the current status is that the Federal government, State government, Palm Beach County and the Village of Wellington have declared a State of Emergency. FEMA has been activated at a level one nationally and the State of Florida is also at a level one. Palm Beach County is at level two and the Village of Wellington is at a modified level two. He said that the Village is not staffing at 24 hours a day, except for emergency services will be answered 24 hours a day. He mentioned that the Village Hall is still open and is fully accessible, Parks and Recreation has closed the gym. All outdoor parks including dog parks are open, playgrounds are closed, the Community Center is open and most rentals have been cancelled. The rentals that have not cancelled are ensuring they are complying with social distancing. The pool is now closed. Program status is that Senior Programs are cancelled at least until the end of next month; indoor programming and organized sports programs have been cancelled. Food Truck nights, Movie nights and Concert nights have been cancelled. Any activity involving ten or more people have been cancelled based on the CDC recommendation earlier in the week that any gatherings beyond ten people should be cancelled. The Tennis building is closed, but courts are open. The Star Program, which offers transportation to the seniors, has lifted the number of ride restrictions. Drug and grocery pickup is available. There is a dedicated senior call in number of 561-791-4726. Food supplies are available if necessary. Bars and nightclubs are all closed for the next 90 days. Restaurants are instructed to only permit one-half of their posted capacity and table separations must be at six-foot minimums. Building capacity does include staff. They are going around making sure restaurants are complying.

Councilman McGovern asked what the 24-hour emergency call in number was.

Mr. Schofield stated that it is 561-791-4000 and those calls will be answered and directed to the appropriate people.

Councilman Drahos suggested that they put that number on social media to get that number out to everyone.

Mayor Gerwig stated there is an oil change place that has modified their way of doing business in that you drive up and stay in your car and they will perform the oil change. They will not vacuum the inside, but the oil change will be done. They are not located in Wellington, but it shows that businesses are getting creative in observing social distancing in order to continue doing business.

Mr. Schofield said that Community Services has advocacy teams in the neighborhoods informing others that do not normally have access to things. The Palm Beach County School District is providing meals at Wellington Landings and the Boys and Girls Club is working with Community Services to also provide meals.

Councilman McGovern stated that for any child under the age of 18, breakfast and lunch are passed out at Wellington Landings from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm every day. Family meals are being passed out on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 and will be done again on Friday, March 20, 2020. It is a drive up service right at Wellington Landings if anyone should need the service, please take advantage of it.

Mr. Schofield mentioned that they are also working with the Neighborhood Watches and have contacted all the homeowner associations to find out what they are doing with their

common facilities. He said that in most cases, they are closing them, but they are working with them on how they clean it.

Mr. Schofield mentioned that as far as agency coordination, they are working with Palm Beach County's Emergency Operations Center and they are in contact with the State's Emergency Operations Center as well. He said that they have regular contact with Royal Palm Beach and Greenacres to make sure that they are coordinated. He said they are working on getting a meeting with the Western Communities Council, but have not received much response on that yet. They are also working with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. He reminded everyone that there are no curfews in place, except for the Town of Palm Beach. He said that they will keep this information up to date online.

Mayor Gerwig commented that the County Elections went well.

Mr. Schofield stated that they did go well, but it was low turnout at all locations.

Mayor Gerwig congratulated all those who were elected and gave kudos to those who ran, but did not win because they at least put their names out there. She said that this pandemic is a very hard thing to deal with during an election. She asked Mr. Schofield to look up the word "pandemic" and give them the definition. She said that this virus has been declared a pandemic.

Mr. Schofield utilized Google for the definition. It is an adjective and it means "prevalent over a whole country or the whole world".

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

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

- Vice Mayor Napoleone indicated he had no report.

COUNCILMAN DRAHOS: Councilman Drahos presented the following report:

- Councilman Drahos indicated he had no report.

COUNCILMAN MCGOVERN: Councilman McGovern presented the following report:

- Councilman McGovern indicated he had no report.

COUNCILWOMAN SISKIND: Councilwoman Siskind presented the following report:

- Councilwoman Siskind indicated she had no report.

MAYOR GERWIG: Mayor Gerwig presented the following report:

- Mayor Gerwig indicated she had no report.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the special meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:31 PM.

Approved:

Anne Gerwig, Mayor

Chevelle D. Addie, Village Clerk