

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

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

**Tuesday, April 14, 2020
7:00 PM**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, commencing at 7:00 p.m. via Communications Media Technology.

Council Members present remotely: Anne Gerwig, Mayor; Michael 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 7:00 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Gerwig led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **INVOCATION** – Mayor Gerwig read an invocation into the record.
4. **20-3673 APPOINTMENT OF VICE MAYOR**

Mr. Schofield introduced the item.

A motion was made by Councilman Drahos, seconded by Councilman Napoleone, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the appointment of Tanya Siskind as Vice Mayor of the Village of Wellington.

Mayor Gerwig, Councilman Drahos, Councilman Napoleone and Councilman McGovern congratulated Vice Mayor Siskind.

Vice Mayor Siskind thanked them for the opportunity and told them she looked forward to serving as Vice Mayor. She said that it was an honor.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A. Move item 7H, RESOLUTION NO. R2020-13 (PINES OF WELLINGTON, TRACT "C" REPLAT), to the Regular Agenda as item 9C.

B. Separate Regular Agenda Item 9A into separate items:

Item 9A, Authorization to (1) Award A Task Order to Kaufman Lynn Construction, Inc. for the Construction of the Wellington High School Sports Complex, in the amount of \$12,212,904; (2) Award A Task Order to Kaufman Lynn, Construction Inc. for the Construction of the Running Track at Wellington High School, at a cost of \$200,509;

Item 9B, Award A Task Order to Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. to Provide Construction Administration Services during the Project, in the amount of \$385,015.

Ms. Cohen stated that the Mayor will also need to recuse herself from the approval of Budget Amendment Resolution No. R2020-16 to Assign \$2,730,000 from Deferral of Capital Projects and Unassigned General Fund Balance.

Mayor Gerwig stated that she will do that when they get to that point.

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

6. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Schofield indicated there were no Presentations and Proclamations.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 20-3756** MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON COUNCIL MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY 25, 2020 AND MARCH 10, 2020
- B. 19-3500** AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE UTILIZING A SOUTHEAST FLORIDA COOPERATIVE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF SODIUM HYDROXIDE
- C. 19-3501** AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW EXISTING CONTRACTS FOR DISASTER DEBRIS RECOVERY SERVICES
- D. 20-3647** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF A TERMINAL TRACTOR/SPOTTER TRUCK
- E. 20-3658** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE RECONDITIONING OF THE TRASH RAKE AT PUMP STATION 4
- F. 20-3659** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF TWO PORTABLE EMERGENCY POWER GENERATORS
- G. 20-3660** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR GREENBRIAR BOULEVARD/C-4 CANAL CULVERT REPLACEMENT

- H. **20-3743** ~~RESOLUTION NO. R2020-13 (PINES OF WELLINGTON, TRACT "C" REPLAT)~~

~~A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE PINES OF WELLINGTON, TRACT "C" REPLAT BEING A REPLAT OF TRACT "C", THE PINES OF WELLINGTON, P.U.D. ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37, PAGES 8 THROUGH 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA LOCATED IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 41 EAST, VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA- (MOVED TO REGULAR AGENDA AS ITEM 9C)~~

- I. **20-3749** RESOLUTION NO. R2020-14 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION R2020-15 BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE SAID GRANT

RESOLUTION NO. R2020-14: A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT AGREEMENT 26865 WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES , FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION NO. R2020-15: AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET FOR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE TREE INVENTORY AND MANAGEMENT PLAN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- J. **20-3754** RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. R2020-12, EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR REMOTE ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ADOPTING EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR REMOTE ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS BY COUNCIL, WELLINGTON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, STAFF AND THE PUBLIC; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Schofield indicated one comment card was received for the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Addie read the comment card submitted from Bruce Tumin regarding item 7J into the record.

Mr. Schofield stated that staff recommends approval of the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings Items.

9. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. 19-3410** AUTHORIZATION TO (1) AWARD A TASK ORDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS COMPLEX; (2) AWARD A TASK ORDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RUNNING TRACK AT WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL;

Mr. Schofield introduced the item. He explained that it is an authorization to (1) Award a task order to Kaufman Lynn Construction, Inc. for the construction of the Wellington High School Sports Complex, in the amount of \$12,212,904; (2) Award a task order to Kaufman Lynn, Construction Inc. for the construction of the running track at Wellington High School, at a cost of \$200,509.

Mr. Barnes explained that this project is a culmination of the efforts that they have had over the course of the past year to design the project that they originally identified as Greenbriar Park. It has been over the past couple of years, based on recommendations from staff and approval of Council, they have relocated the facilities proposed for the park to Wellington High School and developed a joint use facility by both the high school and the Village of Wellington for its recreational programs.

Mr. Barnes stated that the scope of services includes the development of four synthetic turf fields on the northwest corner of the property, three basketball courts and a concession building with a restroom. On the southwest corner of the property, they will be relocating the tennis courts as well as some reconstruction of the synthetic turf surface of the stadium field. He said there will also be construction of a maintenance building for the use of the Village and circulation improvements for the school in terms of student drop off by parents to the rear of the property by the basketball courts. He stated that the existing parking will remain for parking for use of the facilities on nights and weekends.

Mr. Barnes explained that the second part of the task order to Kaufman Lynn Construction is being funded by the School District. He said that it includes the renovation and improvement of the existing track. He stated that it will be funded by the School District, but for purposes of minimizing any conflict with the subcontractors and just having one contractor ultimately responsible for the whole project, it makes sense for both parties to have that completed as the park facilities project.

Mayor Gerwig stated she asked Engineering about the deficiencies in the drainage calculations that were provided. She said she appreciated the time that staff took to correct those documents. She wanted to let parents know that the restrooms at the press box and at the stadium field are not being addressed at this time. She said that they feel strongly about doing them, but they are not in the current scope of work. She said that she encourages the School District to add that in while this construction is going on.

Mr. Barnes explained that there are restrooms and a concession building that will be located in the northwest corner of the project, adjacent to the four synthetic turf fields. He mentioned that there were restrooms brought up in discussion that need to be addressed. Those are the restrooms at the stadium and the interior restrooms in the school. He stated that he understands that there is a larger plan in place that the School District has to renovate and improve those restroom facilities at Wellington High School, but it is not a part of this project.

Mayor Gerwig stated that they have encouraged the School District to add that into this project. She said that they are bringing in the new track under the same contractor and it makes sense. She said that they are trying to get this accelerated starting now so that it is complete by August, hopefully by their first game. She said that either way, they do not want to be having different contractors in and out of there.

Councilman McGovern asked if that was an on-going discussion and where they are on adding that portion back in.

Mr. Barnes stated that at this time, the restroom is not being contemplated to be added to this part of the project. At this point, the only other item that the School District has requested is to look at and have our contractor develop pricing for, based on their plans and specifications, the press box building and the associated vertical accessibility for the press box. This does not mean they will not approach the Village at some point to try and look at that existing facility. He said that it is not an easy renovation because that building also houses a lot of the electrical distribution for that portion of the site, which makes it a little more complicated of a project. It is something they have looked at and are continuing to look at. Mr. Dolan at the School District and Mrs. Andrews of the School District Board are very well aware of it and are regularly reminded of those deficiencies at the school.

Councilman McGovern asked if they decided they want to do it, would the Village work with them in every way to make it happen.

Mr. Barnes said "absolutely". He said it would make sense and they would have difficulty allowing another contractor within the project limits once our contractor has started. He said that they would definitely work with them on that.

Mayor Gerwig stated that if they did, it would be at the School District's expense. She said that the Village is already paying a significant amount of \$12.2 million. Mayor Gerwig stated she would hope that the School District would put the bathrooms in their budget.

Mr. Barnes stated that the School District would have to look at their funding sources for that.

Mayor Gerwig mentioned that it may have to come back to the Village if they are expected to pick up the cost. She said that she still had some strong disagreements about this project. She said that she sees some of the features as having very little benefit to the Village, particularly the canopy for student drop off, which is a requirement for the school to provide, but is in the Village's contract. She said she feels it is an important project and a good project overall. She said she is going to support it.

Ms. Addie read the comments from Bruce Tumin, Mark Elie, Samuel Falzone, and Ted Miloch into the record.

Councilman McGovern stated that there seems to be some confusion on what is going on. He said that they are specifically using the Penny Sales Tax to fund this project, just as they were going to do if it were going to be built on Greenbriar. He asked if that was correct.

Mr. Reinsvold stated that it was correct.

Mr. Schofield stated that the Village is transferring some money, but that is only preparatory in that they have not received the next tax payment.

Mayor Gerwig stated that one of the confusions is that the Penny Sales Tax, the 20%, that the cities received, is specifically for capital projects. It is not for ongoing maintenance. She said that this is what this project is. She asked if that was correct.

Mr. Schofield stated that was correct. He explained that it cannot be used for maintenance, only capital improvements or capital projects.

Mayor Gerwig stated that the other issue she had was someone could not recall that it went to the Sales Tax review board, which is the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. She said she looked it up and it did go before the Board and they all supported it. She said they all heard the process of changing it from Greenbriar to Wellington High School. She said that board has oversight on the Half Cent Tax. She asked if that was correct.

Mr. Schofield stated that was correct. He explained that when the referendum was passed, projects were listed that may have to change for one reason or another, and that is why they have the oversight board. When projects change, they have to go to the oversight board for review and they did get this project for review.

Councilman Drahos said that he does not want people who are watching and hearing about this for the very first time to think that they are just voting on it from the information they are hearing from that evening. He asked how many times that this has been voted on and come before the public before tonight. He does not want to give the impression that they are voting on this project for the first time on a video conference.

Mr. Barnes stated that he did not have the dates in front of him, but can outline the different votes that were taken regarding this project. He said it started with the selection of the construction manager and the original task order for preconstruction services; the initial vote on the selection of the consultant for the project, Kimley Horn and Associates; for authorization for Kimley Horn and Associates to work on the relocation from Greenbriar to Wellington High School; authorization for Kimley Horn and Associates for 100% design construction documents and bid face services; Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; and the PRAB process.

Mayor Gerwig stated that they also voted on the agreement with the School District, which laid out the entire process. She said it was a very drawn out discussion.

Councilman McGovern stated that they did that twice.

Mr. Barnes stated that is correct. He explained that they brought that concept to Council when they authorized the Intent to Move forward and then again to go over a very detailed interlocal agreement. He said they brought it back conceptionally and as an actual adoption from Council.

Mayor Gerwig stated that it has been extensive. She said that her disagreement on it was the ten-year time frame of the agreement and the other issue of the covered canopy. She felt it did not benefit the Village, but greatly benefited the School District. She said that she wanted to see more participation from the School District on something other than the Village maintaining it and not having it tied to some additional trigger. She said that she does support the project in general. She said that if they are going to move ahead, this is the time to do it while the schools are closed early. She said that she feels it is worthwhile for them to push this forward. She said that she likes the way Ted Miloch said it, with keeping your foot on the gas. This is the time frame that the school is closed and it is no inconvenience for them and it is a great time for the Village to be able to get this thing underway.

Councilman Napoleone mentioned that the one silver lining with everyone stuck at home is that they can get this job started and not interfere with any school activities or programming over the summer. He said that this is not ideal to approve this online, but they are only really approving one thing and that is the start work order. He said he is in favor of this project and thinks they all are. It is a great project for Wellington.

Councilman McGovern stated that this is an important project and is exactly what Wellington prides themselves on. He said that this was a great project at Greenbriar, but an even better project at Wellington High School. He said that we should definitely take advantage of a very tough time and get something positive out of it. He said that it was a good project from the beginning and is something we need to do.

Vice Mayor Siskind stated that it is a very good project and feels that the timing is right.

Mayor Gerwig mentioned that she spoke to Engineering about some discrepancies and she believes that they are trying to get it corrected. She said she does not believe they are correct right now, but are working on it.

Mr. Reinsvold stated that Engineering is working on correcting some minor clerical issues in the drainage calculations.

Councilman McGovern asked if there is anything that should keep them from moving forward on this project.

Mr. Schofield stated there was not anything. He said that they are in the position they would be with anyone who was just beginning their authorization. He said that there are some things that are changing and things that will change during the process, but he is comfortable moving ahead with this project. He stated that they have a good design team, contractor and contract administration team. He said that he believes they need to get this moving so they can get the project completed by the beginning of the school year.

Mayor Gerwig wanted to make sure that they were only awarding the task order for the construction for the sports complex and the running track.

Mr. Schofield said that they are asking the Council to approve awarding the task order to Kaufman Lynn Construction in the amount of \$12,212,904, which includes a contingency of approximately \$250,000 for the sports field complex. The second item would be awarding the task order to Kaufman Lynn Construction in the amount of \$200,509 for the construction of the running track at Wellington High School. He said they would also be approving the budget item.

Mayor Gerwig stated that she cannot vote on the budget item.

Mr. Schofield stated that because of that, then he is just asking for the first two items which were awarding the task order to Kaufman Lynn Construction.

Ms. Cohen informed the Council that they could break up the item into three different motions. One for the task orders for Kaufman Lynn, one for the task order for Kimley Horn and Associates and one for the budget amendment resolution.

A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Vice Mayor Siskind, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve awarding a task order to Kaufman Lynn Construction, Inc. for the construction of the Wellington High School Sports Complex, in the amount of \$12,212,904 and awarding a task order to Kaufman Lynn, Construction Inc. for the construction of the running track at Wellington High School, at a cost of \$200,509.

Mayor Gerwig stated that for the second part of the item, she needed to recuse herself. She said that her firm, Alan Gerwig and Associates, Inc., works with a sub-contractor that is involved in this task order. She said it was Smith Engineering Consultants who are doing the lighting on the plans. Due to this, she was recusing herself and having no involvement in the discussion on this part of the project. She said she would be turning in her form to Ms. Addie.

Ms. Cohen asked if Mayor Gerwig would also be recusing herself from the budget amendment resolution.

Mayor Gerwig stated that she would be.

B. (3) AWARD A TASK ORDER TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES DURING THE PROJECT; AND

(4) APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO REASSIGN CAPITAL PROJECT BALANCES AND ASSIGN GENERAL FUND BALANCE

RESOLUTION NO. R2020-16: A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING THE SALES SURTAX AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND CAPITALS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BY REASSIGNING CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGETS AND ALLOCATING GENERAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE WCHS SPORTS COMPLEX PROJECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Schofield introduced the other portion of the item. He explained that it is awarding a task order to Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. to provide construction administration services during the project, in the amount of \$385,015. He said that staff is recommending approval of that award.

Ms. Cohen asked Mayor Gerwig to turn off her camera due to the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics' opinions that facial expressions and gestures can improperly influence other board members.

Mr. Schofield reminded the Council that they have the staff recommendation.

Councilman McGovern asked for an explanation of what construction administration is.

Mr. Barnes explained that it is construction term where a design professional provides design oversight. They do not direct the contractor on how to do the job, but they are there serving in addition to the owner's representative to review the work that is being completed consistent with the plans specifications and with quality workmanship. They also make sure the project stays on schedule, review pay applications to ensure what is paid out is equivalent to the work that has been completed and certifying the work for certain permit requirements for permits like South Florida Water Management. The certification is something all the disciplines require.

A motion was made by Councilman Drahos, seconded by Councilman Napoleone, and passed (4-0) with Mayor Gerwig being recused, to approve awarding a task order to Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. to provide construction administration services during the project, in the amount of \$385,015.

Mr. Schofield stated the next portion was to approve the budget amendment Resolution No. R2020-16 to assign \$2,730,000 from deferral of capital projects and unassigned General Fund Balance. This will be refunded from the Half Cent Penny Sales Tax when they collect it. He said staff is recommending approval.

Councilman McGovern asked if that money will come back once it has been accumulated from the Half Cent Sales Tax.

Mr. Schofield stated that was correct.

Councilman McGovern asked if the rest of the money is from the previously received Half Cent Sales Tax.

Mr. Schofield stated that was correct.

A motion was made by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilman Napoleone, and passed (4-0) with Mayor Gerwig being recused, to approve Budget Amendment Resolution No. R2020-16 to assign \$2,730,000 from deferral of capital projects and unassigned General Fund Balance.

C. 20-3743 RESOLUTION NO. R2020-13 (PINES OF WELLINGTON, TRACT "C" REPLAT)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE PINES OF WELLINGTON, TRACT "C" REPLAT BEING A REPLAT OF TRACT "C", THE PINES OF WELLINGTON, P.U.D. ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37, PAGES 8 THROUGH 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA LOCATED IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 41 EAST, VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

Mr. Schofield introduced this item. He said that this was formerly on the Consent Agenda as item 7H.

Mr. Lundeen explained that this is just a re-plat of five lots of the existing site. He stated the site is built out and discussed what the owner wanted to do.

Mr. Schofield stated that this is one of the first shopping centers in the Village and all the buildings are there. He mentioned that Boston Market had closed some time ago and the property owner wants to have that redeveloped as a fast, casual restaurant. The operator would like to purchase the property and the only way they can sell the land is by plat or otherwise be done as a condo. He explained that the plat establishes boundaries for the main building itself and the four other buildings that are there. The bank is not part of this and has always been its own parcel.

Mayor Gerwig stated that this was coming before the Council in a ministerial way as the owner has met all the requirements and the only thing they are waiting on is some paperwork. She said that is why they would be approving this as pending additional information.

Ms. Cohen stated that was correct. She said that the Village has the information, but they need to confirm that the Declaration of Restrictive Conveyance, By-Laws, and Articles of Incorporation have been recorded in the public records. It has been sent in to be recorded, but due to the decrease in personnel, there has been a delay. As soon as they receive it, they can send the plat for recording.

Mr. Schofield mentioned that platting is a process covered under the Land Development Regulations. The expectation is that once the regulations have been met, they will get the approval. He said that they can apply conditions to it to moderate impacts, but they have met each of the requirements.

Councilman McGovern asked if their sole role was to certify that those requirements have been met.

Ms. Cohen stated that was correct. She explained that there are a list of requirements that have to be met that are set forth in the Village Code and staff reviews the applications and submittals to determine whether those requirements have been met. She said that staff may reject it and require applicants to do certain things to make it compliant with the Village requirements under the Code. All of this has been met and so the Council is being presented with an application that has complied with the Code. Since it does comply with the code, it is essentially a ministerial act at this point.

Mayor Gerwig stated that in the interest of redevelopment, there is no benefit to the Village if the site is sitting unused.

Councilman McGovern stated that the decision of should it stay one parcel or become five parcels and how it may or may not impact future redevelopment is not the question before the Council at this point in time.

Ms. Cohen stated that was correct. She said that the property owner has the right to apply to re-plat the parcel, which it has done, and as long as they have met the requirements of the Code then it is a ministerial act of approving the plat. She said that she is advising that it be approved, subject to the Declaration being recorded in the public records.

Councilman McGovern asked if it has been represented to the Village that the Declaration has been filed.

Ms. Cohen said that was correct. She said it has been sent for recording, but there is a delay because of personnel. It is not something that could be recorded electronically as some things can be, but it had to be mailed in as it is a lengthy document.

A motion was made by Councilman Drahos, seconded by Vice Mayor Siskind, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve Resolution No. R2020-13 (Pines of Wellington, Tract "C" Replat) as presented.

10. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Schofield stated that there were no comment cards.

11. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

- She indicated she had no report this evening.
- She congratulated Vice Mayor Siskind on being elected Vice Mayor.

12. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- The Next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers. He said that they are hopeful they can have the meeting in the Chambers. He mentioned that he had been tracking how many are in attendance with the virtual meetings and said that there are more when the meetings are virtual. He said that after he took out the staff, there were 29 that attended the meeting virtually and stayed for most of the meeting.
- He presented an update for the COVID-19 emergency declaration for Wellington. He mentioned that the best sources of information are the public television networks. He stated that all the services that Wellington offers are still available now. While offices are not available to come to, all other services such as pulling building permits and meeting with engineering can be done. Staff is here and will take phone calls.

Mayor Gerwig asked if inspections are being done.

Mr. Schofield informed the Council that building inspections are being done and if they can get inside, they are doing interior inspections as well. Otherwise, pictures and certifications are being taken at this point.

Mr. Schofield said that while the Recreation programs have been closed for some time in accordance with the County's order, the Parks and Recreation Department have been conducting virtual classes. There are senior services being offered.

The code enforcement officers are out making sure that there are no large gatherings, checking on which businesses are open and getting information from the restaurants. He said if you go to the Village website, you will see a listing of each of the restaurants that provides pick-up or delivery and which businesses are open. They even have a listing of doctor offices that are open. He said that by-large, the residents are doing what they should be doing. In every other area, things are normal. They have only had a couple of instances with non-essential businesses operating that should not be and it did not take a second visit to get them to comply. The Order only states that the businesses cannot bring in customers, but they can come in to do essential things like bookkeeping and paying bills. He said that all models indicate that Florida will hit its' peak in the first week of May. He said that these models are probably less accurate than the hurricane models, but they are the best information that there is to go by. Testing has now opened up to people who are not symptomatic so, you can call and get that testing done. He said that if there are any questions, please call the Village. He said that he appreciates how much Council has been there making sure that the Village has what it needs and the policies that they need and thanked them.

Mayor Gerwig stated that they are staying on top of what the orders are. She said that she has received questions on walking trails and why they are not open. She said that they are going by the orders by the Governor at this point. She asked if that was correct.

Mr. Schofield stated that was correct. He said that the County is already considering different options for when they start developing a plan towards the end of the month for re-opening for the County and the municipalities as well.

13. COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR GERWIG: Mayor Gerwig presented the following report:

- Mayor Gerwig mentioned that earlier in the evening she was sworn in for her last term as Mayor. She said that it was her privilege to serve another four years in this Village and is always amazed at the feeling she gets when she walks in the building and is a part of this great local government body. She said that she is very proud of the staff and the work that Council is doing.
- She informed everyone that Ron Jarriel, former councilman of Loxahatchee Groves, passed away and wanted to recognize him for his service to his community. He was a retired firefighter and strong advocate for local government.

Councilman McGovern stated that it is well deserved and he will be missed.

- Mayor Gerwig mentioned that State Representative Kristin Jacobs of Broward County, fierce advocate of climate change and other environmental issues, had passed away. She had actually helped the Village with a recent request.

She asked for a moment of silence for both of them.

- She asked Mr. Schofield for a Census update.

Mr. Schofield reported that they have done a great deal of social outreach and they are working with the United States Census. He said that one thing they are very concerned about is the several residents that are only residents here part of the year, especially the equestrian community, and want to make sure that they are counted. He said that Community Services is working with the transitional neighborhoods to make sure they are counted. Mr. Stillings and his staff are working very hard on this project.

He reminded everyone that one of the reasons they are trying so hard is that the largest sources of local government funding is from State Revenue Sharing which is based on population.

Mr. Stillings stated that right now they have a 53% response, which is greater than the national average. The Census Bureau is requesting additional time to continue the count before going out door to door in order to get responses from those who have not yet responded. They have also requested an additional four months to provide the President with the final National count. He said as of right now, Wellington is relatively on track with the rest of the country.

Mayor Gerwig asked if there was anything the Council could do to encourage more participation.

Mr. Stillings stated that they could just keep encouraging people to respond while they are sitting at home. It should not take more than 10-15 minutes to do the survey.

- Mayor Gerwig asked what the status is on the Boardwalk Project.

Mr. Schofield stated that it is nearly complete. Unfortunately, they will not be able to open it when initially planned due to the restrictions, but he will get the Council the details on that. All of the paver work is in, the head wall is in, but the dock is not in yet.

Mayor Gerwig thought they could do some social distancing on the Promenade for the "opening." She asked for Council thoughts.

Mr. Schofield suggested that we use the grand opening for the Promenade as the entry way to opening all of the park facilities.

Councilman Drahos thought that would be a great idea.

Councilman McGovern and Vice Mayor Siskind both agreed that would be a good idea.

VICE MAYOR SISKIND: Vice Mayor Siskind presented the following report:

- Vice Mayor Siskind congratulated Mayor Gerwig, Councilman Napoleone and Councilman Drahos on being sworn in today.
- She thanked the rest of the Council for nominating her for Vice Mayor this year. She said she was honored and looks forward to doing that job.
- Vice Mayor Siskind thanked all the hospital workers, grocery store workers, teachers, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and everyone who puts their life on the line. It is really appreciated. She gave kudos to the Palm Beach County School District on the transition to having school at home.

Everyone has been working together to get this done. She said she is really proud of the Village staff for everything they are doing every day. She said she is proud of the Village residents who are doing everything they can to keep everyone safe. Vice Mayor Siskind stated that together everyone will get through to better days.

COUNCILMAN MCGOVERN: Councilman McGovern presented the following report:

- Councilman McGovern pointed out the milestone of having the first female Mayor and Vice Mayor team and wanted to congratulate both of them.
- He congratulated Councilman Napoleone and Councilman Drahos on being sworn in today. He said that he is sad that they are not able to have the swearing-in in person with the celebration with cake. He said that we are truly realizing that we are all in this together. He said that we all need to realize that everyone is interconnected and what one person does can save the life of another person.
- Councilman McGovern thanked Mr. Schofield, Mr. Barnes, Ms. Coates and the entire senior management team that have been getting everyone through this and making sure the community and everything the Village does functions exactly as it would if it were a normal time. He said that there have been more reports that people are sending things through the sanitary sewer system that are resulting in significant blockages in communities to the south. He stressed that everyone needs to do the things that are right for this point in time in order to return back to normal.
- He commended Ms. Nunez and the Village staff on the social media posts on the Village of Wellington page on Facebook, the Village of Wellington Parks and Recreation page on Facebook, and Wellingtonfl.gov. Those are the places to go to get the most accurate and up to date information.
- Councilman McGovern reminded everyone that the Census is the easiest thing to do from home while you are self-isolating. He said it is nine questions and he thinks it can be done in less than Mr. Stilling's statement of 15 minutes. He thinks it could be done in about seven minutes. He stated that every State and Federal allocation of dollars is based on the census. He mentioned that while 53% is above the average, it is not good. He said they are looking for as close to 100% participation. He said that this is Wellington and they can do this better.

Mayor Gerwig reminded everyone that if you do not have a computer, there is a phone number on the form that you can call and do the survey. If you do not have the form to get the number, call the Village and they can get you the number. You can even mail in the form.

- Councilman McGovern reminded everyone to support local business. You can support by getting take-out. He said that so many of our restaurants and businesses are finding so many new and creative ways to stay in business and the least that can be done is to support them.
- He stated that everyone must stay the course. He said that not all the dates were given and the best modeling as of today says that this event will be over on May 3rd, potentially as a high water mark, but the highest death rate day will be May 8th. He said that staying the course will get us all through this.

COUNCILMAN DRAHOS: Councilman Drahos presented the following report:

- Councilman Drahos congratulated Mayor Gerwig and Councilman Napoleone on getting sworn in for another four years today. He said that he feels that when they run unopposed it is a credit to the Council as a whole. It shows how effectively they work and the residents have been pleased with how the Council as a unit gels together. He said that the honor of serving over 60,000 residents, particularly during this time period, has never been lost on him. He said that he is extraordinarily proud to have this role and eternally grateful to have this opportunity for another four years, especially with the four others on the Council. He said he has enjoyed working with them so much.
- Councilman Drahos congratulated Vice Mayor Siskind. He said that he was very excited when he realized that he was going to serve on the very first Council to have a female Mayor and Vice Mayor. He said that the fact that he has two daughters that he is raising in the Village are being able to see this as an example of government is incredible. He said that he thanks both of them for not only their service to the community, but for being role models to his daughters. He said that it is fantastic and is glad he had a role in that.
- He informed everyone that the Council meets every morning for daily briefings with senior staff, PBSO's Captain Silva and Fire Rescue. He said that although they are working under extraordinary circumstances, this Village is being run exceptionally well. He said that he is impressed with how prepared staff has been to provide them with information. He said that it has been very reassuring to him not only as a Councilman, but as a resident to see how well they are able to function even through these circumstances. He said that it is a credit to Mr. Schofield and his staff for being able to go above and beyond under very difficult circumstances and he thinks the residents need to know that.
- Councilman Drahos mentioned that Schaefer Drugs started an initiative to ask residents to mail or bring in greetings of appreciation or words of encouragement to the healthcare providers at Wellington Regional Medical Center. They will bring them over to the center and then they will be hung on the inside walls so that the personnel can see them as they come into and out of work so they can see how much the residents appreciate them. He suggested having the children draw pictures or write letters. They can drop them off or mail them to Schaefer Drugs.

Vice Mayor Siskind stated she has several cards to drop off.

Mayor Gerwig reminded the residents that adults can make the cards too.

COUNCILMAN NAPOLEONE: Councilman Napoleone presented the following report:

- Councilman Napoleone congratulated Mayor Gerwig and Councilman Drahos on another four year term. He said that it has been a fun four years and is looking forward to four more.
- Councilman Napoleone congratulated Vice Mayor Siskind on being elected Vice Mayor. He said that he is happy for her to have this experience.
- Councilman Napoleone commended the Village Staff for doing a great job during this new situation that everyone is trying to navigate. He thanked Village staff and stated he appreciates what they are doing with keeping the Village running.
- Councilman Napoleone mentioned that he knows many are out of work and having trouble making ends meet.

He said that is why they need to keep working and get things going to get through this as quickly as possible. He said that more people need to comply with the Stay At Home Order and wear masks when going out to protect others. He said that people should be complying with the social distancing guidelines.

- Councilman Napoleone thanked the doctors, nurses, first responders, grocery workers, truck drivers, restaurant workers, delivery workers and all those who are out there every day making everyone's lives better.

He asked everyone to have patience, smile and continue to do what is supposed to be done. He said we will all eventually get through this together.

Mayor Gerwig stated that to some it may feel like being an essential worker is a benefit, but to others it may feel like a burden when there are concerns. She said that it was really nice for Palm Beach County Engineering to send a letter to the consultants thanking them for working and doing what needs to be done right now, especially with roads and bridges.

Mayor Gerwig mentioned that she would like to have a discussion at a community meeting with Paddock Park and discuss the pathways and the neighborhood in general once things get back to normal. She said that this way they can get a feel from the residents before the Village does anything that would affect them.

Mr. Schofield stated that the EOC calls that occur each morning are under the direction of the Emergency Management Director, Nicole Coates. Council participates, but only for the purpose of getting information. It is majority Village employee participation. They do not discuss policy issues and he does not take direction from the Council. He said that there is nothing discussed in those meetings that they will vote on. He said that the virus is expected to peak around the first week in May and the death rate will be the week after that. The time that it will take to get to normalcy will roughly be about the same time as it took to come up. He said that we will probably not be out of this until June or possibly a little later than that. Everyone needs to be cautious and considerate of our neighbors.

Mayor Gerwig gave kudos to Nicole Coates for doing a great job with all of this. Her and her staff have done great during the hurricanes and now this. She thanked everyone who is doing the hard work of getting everyone through this crisis.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:26 PM.

Approved:

Anne Gerwig, Mayor

Chevelle D. Addie, Village Clerk