

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

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

**Tuesday, August 25, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, commencing at 7:00 p.m. via Communications Media Technology.

Council Members present remotely: Anne Gerwig, Mayor; Tanya Siskind, Vice Mayor; John T. McGovern, Councilman; Michael Drahos, Councilman; and Michael Napoleone, Councilman.

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 p.m.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Gerwig led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. INVOCATION** – Pastor Peter Bartuska, Christ Community Church, Wellington, delivered the invocation.
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

- 1) Remove Consent Item 6L, Resolution No. R2020-40 (FY 2019-2020 Revenue Budget Amendment), to the Regular Agenda as Item 8B.

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

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

20-3803

RESOLUTION NO. R2020-42 (PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES PLAN (LESP) FOR FY21)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL APPROVING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES PLAN

(LESP) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Schofield introduced the item.

PBSO Captain Silva stated the LESP is a blueprint that guides the district. He referenced the Annual Report and stated the Village is trending down in crime: offense index is down 7% overall; property crimes are down 10%; and robberies are down 35%. He reviewed a slide from the Annual Report, referencing the Village's population and compared percentages of residential burglaries, vehicle burglaries and robberies with similarly situated municipalities.

Captain Silva reviewed the main goals and objectives of the Law Enforcement Services Plan for FY 2021. He indicated the three main objectives going forward this year will focus on the property crimes – vehicle burglaries/thefts, traffic crashes and juveniles. He introduced Deputy Ashley Carceni, Juvenile Assessment and Monitoring (JAM) Deputy.

Deputy Carceni stated she has been working for PBSO for five years and for the past two years she has been with the J.A.M. Unit in Wellington. She stated her educational background is in social work with specialization in children. Deputy Carceni stated the J.A.M. Unit monitors children on felony probation. She indicated that the two goals are to protect people in Wellington from being victimized and to help rehabilitate the children. Deputy Carceni stated she has connections with the Department of Juvenile Justice-probation officers, families and school officers.

Deputy Carceni stated over the last two years she has recovered approximately a dozen runaway juveniles. She reviewed the programs that she has assisted with getting the children into for mental health and addiction services. She stated they build a professional, trustworthy relationship with the families and children. Deputy Carceni provided some examples of situations with juveniles.

Mayor Gerwig asked about the success rate of what the J.A.M. Unit does with the children.

Captain Silva stated they measured outputs for success in the LESP. The goals are to try to reduce juvenile probation re-entry by 5% and to reduce juvenile robberies. He recalled from his Annual Report that he had talked about the robberies committed by juveniles.

Captain Silva stated the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) numbers came out. He said the numbers are unofficial and not public yet. He indicated the Village had a reduction in the first six months of the year. He stated the report takes the numbers from January through June and compares it to the same time last year. He noted robberies are down 30% and burglaries and larcenies are down 42% and 28%, respectively. He stated the pandemic probably has a lot to do with some of those numbers. Captain Silva stated they would like to keep the robberies less than 12 per year and to keep all property crimes down to less than 800 cases per year and to maintain a good clearance rate on these crimes.

Captain Silva stated the last item PBSO will focus on this year is traffic crashes. He stated they will continue to work on keeping the crash rate down. He explained that last year the goal was 3.0 crashes per 100 residents. He said PBSO will reduce that goal to 2.5 crashes per 100 residents, notwithstanding an uptick from last year. He stated PBSO will continue to measure these outputs to make sure they are keeping the crash rate down to the extent they can control it. Captain Silva stated these are the three main issues for the FY 21 Law Enforcement Services Plan.

Mr. Schofield stated there are some additional things the Village is doing with PBSO this year that are funded in the budget: an Analyst Position monitoring activity in real time and an expansion of the license plate reader system. He stated cameras are also being installed to monitor activity near some shopping centers. He indicated that the majority of traffic crashes are in the State Road 7 corridor and a larger part of the crashes are outside of Wellington. He stated PBSO has implemented different programs and training in the last few months. He reiterated that PBSO has been extremely responsive to what the Village has asked for including changes in community policing. He stated we are one of the very few municipalities to have a program to deal with juveniles. He referenced the Village's crime rate.

Mayor Gerwig stated she is impressed with the program that Deputy Carceni is doing. She stated that she is very proud of the community policing but it does not seem to carry throughout the village. She asked if there was a way to communicate what PBSO is doing throughout the Village to the residents.

Captain Silva stated the pandemic has slowed some things down. He stated that PBSO is open to completing public service announcements and social media. Captain Silva commented that face-to-face interaction will have to wait until the pandemic is under control.

Vice Mayor Siskind asked about the Fun Fridays with the community.

Mr. Schofield stated those are coordinated by Community Services and the community police are normally out there with them but they are being done virtually at this time.

Councilman McGovern stated the work done by Deputy Carceni has been exceptional and the Village is lucky to have her. He also thanked Captain Silva and the entire PBSO team. He stated Wellington's crime numbers are low and PBSO deserves great credit for that. Councilman McGovern thanked PBSO for what they do every day. He asked if there was a specific area, time of day or pattern to what is happening regarding vehicle crashes.

Captain Silva stated 441 is one of the hotspots and is where there are a bulk of serious crashes and Forest Hill Boulevard and other main thoroughfares. He also referenced crashes occurring in parking lots, etc. He stated PBSO is targeting those areas and they have a new traffic sergeant who has come in. He stated they will have a robust unit and he appreciates the Village giving them a community service aide who is the accident investigator.

Councilman McGovern stated he hopes everyone can work together as a community to be less distracted, to do less speeding because these are the things in combination that bring down crashes in the village. He asked if there had been an increase or decrease in burglaries and burglaries of unlocked cars in neighborhoods due to COVID.

Captain Silva stated initially there was a decrease but has since began increasing again. He stated they are coming in from elsewhere and the issue is pervasive and PBSO has to do their best to mitigate this.

Councilman McGovern commented regarding PSAs and asked if the car burglaries are the main contributor to the crime rate in Wellington.

Captain Silva replied affirmatively.

Mayor Gerwig thanked Captain Silva and stated the Village is very impressed with the programs that PBSO offers. She stated she would like to see this communicated better to the residents.

Councilman Drahos stated Wellington is very fortunate that the crime rate is low; and stated he feels the LESP as explained by Captain Silva is smart and has identified areas for improvement. He stated it takes Council, the residents and PBSO to work on improvement and stated he appreciates the presentation tonight and supports the plan and appreciates Captain Silva's efforts.

Councilman Napoleone thanked Captain Silva and his team on the tremendous job they do and for introducing Deputy Carceni and letting the community know what the J.A.M. Unit is doing. He stated they are true community partners and they work hard to make sure this is a great and safe place to live.

Captain Silva thanked Council for their comments and stated he tries to bring in the best talent he can. He stated working with Council and the residents make the difference in keeping those numbers down.

Councilman McGovern noted that the Village has four full-time community officers. He stated this is very useful and important.

Vice Mayor Siskind stated she agrees that the Village could do a better job of letting residents know what programs are in place and how much community involvement there is. She thanked Captain Silva for the LESP and Deputy Carceni for what she does with the children. Vice Mayor Siskind stated the numbers show that what is being done is working.

Mayor Gerwig stated that if a new program comes along that gets the kids involved to let Council know so that they can get involved.

Captain Silva stated he recognizes the support he has from Council and briefly mentioned body cameras. He stated they want to be the best of the best.

Councilman McGovern mentioned the success of the license plate readers.

Mayor Gerwig reiterated her comments regarding programs.

Mr. Schofield mentioned PBSO District 8's rate of solving crimes is 50% higher than the county and national average.

A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Councilman McGovern, and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve Resolution No. R2020-42 (Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Village of Wellington Law Enforcement Services Plan (LESP) for FY 21) as presented.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 20-3953** MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON COUNCIL MEETINGS OF JULY 14, 2020 AND AUGUST 11, 2020
- B. 19-3514** AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE UTILIZING AN ORANGE COUNTY CONTRACT WITH XYLEM WATER SOLUTIONS USA, INC., AS A BASIS FOR PRICING, FOR THE PURCHASE, DELIVERY AND SERVICE OF FLYGT PUMPS
- C. 20-3575** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A MARTIN COUNTY CONTRACT, AS A BASIS FOR PRICING, FOR THE WELL NO. 24 WELLHEAD MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT
- D. 20-3792** AUTHORIZATION TO: 1) RENEW AN EXISTING SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) LICENSING, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT; AND 2) CONTINUE UTILIZING A CONSULTANT TO PROVIDE GIS SUPPORT, DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION
- E. 20-3898** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY CONTRACT WITH PRECISION AIR SYSTEMS, INC., AS A BASIS FOR PRICING, FOR VILLAGE PARK CHILLER UPGRADES
- F. 20-3924** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH CONTRACT FOR EVALUATION AND UPDATE OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES IMPACT FEE AND MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION (FKA ROAD) FACILITIES IMPACT FEE
- G. 20-3926** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR PHASE II OF THE TOWN CENTER PROJECT
- H. 20-3955** RESOLUTION NO. R2020-38 (REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ADOPTING A SCHEDULE FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2020/2021; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- I. **20-3954** RESOLUTION NO. R2020-39 (ANNUAL LISTING OF PROCLAMATIONS)
- A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CERTAIN PROCLAMATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- J. **20-3802** RESOLUTION NO. R2020-41 (PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTRICT 8 WELLINGTON FY2021 BUDGET AND CONTRACT ADDENDUM)
- A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SIXTH ADDENDUM TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- K. **20-3927** RESOLUTION NO. R2020-43 (EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE)
- A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO (1) AWARD A CONSUMER DRIVEN HEALTH PLAN (CDHP) AGREEMENT WITH CIGNA HEALTHCARE TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES, DEPENDENTS, AND RETIREES, AND APPROVE HRA FUNDING FOR EACH ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE TO COVER ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLES; (2) AWARD A CONTRACT TO CIGNA TO PROVIDE DENTAL INSURANCE TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES, DEPENDENTS, AND RETIREES; (3) AWARD A CONTRACT TO HUMANA TO PROVIDE VISION INSURANCE TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES, DEPENDENTS AND RETIREES; (4) AWARD A CONTRACT TO CIGNA GROUP BENEFITS TO PROVIDE LIFE/AD&D AND DISABILITY INSURANCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- ~~L. **20-3959** RESOLUTION NO. R2020-40 (FY 2019-2020 REVENUE BUDGET AMENDMENT)~~
- ~~A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR REDUCED REVENUE COLLECTIONS RESULTING FROM THE PANDEMIC; AND PROVIDING AN~~

~~EFFECTIVE DATE.~~ **(THIS ITEM MOVED TO THE REGULAR AGENDA AS ITEM 8B.)**

Mr. Schofield stated there was a comment card on the Consent Agenda.

Taylor Davis submitted a written comment card regarding Item 6I and requested that her comment be read into record. Ms. Addie read the comment card into the record.

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

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

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. 20-3910** ORDINANCE NO. 2020-11 (VACATION RENTALS)
- AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL, MODIFYING ARTICLE 6 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS RELATED TO VACATION RENTALS BY ADDING VACATION RENTALS TO TABLE 6.2-1: USE REGULATIONS SCHEDULE; AMENDING SEC.6.2.2.A BY CREATING SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS FOR VACATION RENTALS; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Schofield introduced the item.

Ms. Addie read the Ordinance by title.

Mr. Schofield stated Council should have received an amended parking standard. He stated staff received some calls today regarding how this relates to the County's order on vacation rentals. He stated this ordinance does not create anything new. It places limits on overnight stays and limits people to surface parking. Mr. Schofield referenced some of the comments received and stated Business Tax Receipts have always been required for vacation rentals and checking for registered sex offenders is also not a new requirement. He stated this ordinance provides a single place to put the standards for vacation rentals in one place where people who are operating for-profit businesses in residential neighborhoods can see them and the ordinance allows the Village to establish standards for operating for-profits in neighborhoods. He stated there are no regulations contrary to state law in this ordinance.

Mayor Gerwig inquired about the comments received being made a part of the record. She asked about the statute saying 1,000 feet and the Village's ordinance saying 2,500 feet regarding sexual predators. Mayor Gerwig asked if persons can still rent to someone on the registry.

Ms. Schofield and Ms. Cohen replied affirmatively.

Ms. Cramer presented this item. She reviewed the proposed modification to Table 6.2-1, Use Regulations Schedule, and the proposed modification to Supplementary Standards, regarding vacation rentals, to be added to Article 6 of the Land Development Regulations (LDR). She provided background information regarding vacation rentals and informed Council of what the proposed regulations will address. In addition to the general regulations, she stated a vacation rental applicant will be required to complete an affidavit when applying for a BTR (Business Tax Receipt). The affidavit will request the location, contact information for the property owner and responsible party, the number of bedrooms, a list of the third party platforms where the vacation rental will be listed and an acknowledgement from their governing association (if applicable). She stated staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2020-11 as presented with the changes from first reading.

Mr. Stillings stated Subsection b.2 on page 3 of the ordinance includes the recommended change to the parking standard for overnight parking for vacation rentals. He stated staff inadvertently eliminated the occupancy standards and this paragraph will need to be placed back in the ordinance under Subsection b.4.

Ms. Cohen suggested that the reference to Florida Statutes in Section 5, subsection b.3 be removed since it is inconsistent with the statutes.

Mayor Gerwig commented on the county's order regarding vacation rentals.

Councilman McGovern asked about the occupancy capacity limitations and where this should be placed in the ordinance.

Ms. Cramer stated it was originally Subsection b.2 in the ordinance.

Councilman McGovern suggested that it be placed in Subsection b.2 with everything else moved down with the proper lettering.

Public Hearing:

A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Councilman Drahos, and unanimously passed (5-0) to open the public hearing.

Public Comment:

Carrie Posey, Roger Hunnicutt, JoEllen Wiggington, Russell Atkinson, Esther, Arax Krahling, Kristina Knittel, Kristin Phillips, Les, Linda Shedlock, Ryan Harris, Mike Candela, Alex Tischenko, Teresa Bond, and Sarah Fiebig submitted written comment cards regarding Item 7B. Council made the comment cards a part of the record.

Mayor Gerwig asked how someone can check the registry.

Mr. Stillings stated there is a national registry that is referenced in the ordinance and it is free search.

Mayor Gerwig asked how someone would search regarding a school bus stop.

Mr. Schofield stated a checklist of all of the requirements will be provided to each person who applies for a BTR for vacation rental.

Mr. Stillings indicated it will also be a part of the affidavit acknowledging the information given to them.

Mayor Gerwig asked is 1,000 feet or 2,500 feet correct for the ordinance.

Mr. Schofield stated the Village's ordinance is 2,500 feet.

Councilman Napoleone stated statutes say 1,000 feet.

Ms. Cohen stated that is correct.

Mayor Gerwig asked if bus stops change and if this applies to private schools.

Mr. Schofield replied in the affirmative.

Councilman Napoleone asked how this provision is enforced now and how will it be enforced in the future.

Mr. Schofield stated it will not be enforced unless there is a complaint.

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

Mayor Gerwig gave further comments regarding the ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman Drahos, seconded by Vice Mayor Siskind, and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve Ordinance No. 2020-11 (Vacation Rentals) with changes as recommended by staff.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

A. 20-3790 AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE SERVICES

Mr. Schofield introduced this item.

Mayor Gerwig indicated she is a trustee of the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT). She stated she will be recusing herself from this vote. Mayor Gerwig left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Schofield stated this an authorization to renew an existing agreement to provide property and casualty insurance services through FMIT. He stated there is a 9.4% increase in the premium this year. The amount is increasing by \$95,518; from \$1,016,761 to 1,112,279. He stated this is not all premium increase. The Village has added new facilities, the boardwalk, and expansions to the water and wastewater plant. He stated this is driven by new facilities and what the village has normally seen with the premium. Mr. Schofield stated it is within what is budgeted and is substantially less than it could have been. He indicated Mr. Rodney Lewis from the Gehring Group is in the meeting. He stated staff recommends authorization to extend the contract.

Councilman McGovern asked if part of the reason for the premium increase is the addition of insured properties.

Mr. Schofield stated the addition of the boardwalk, which added about 2.5 million to the Village's property value, and some major improvements at the water and wastewater plant is the principal reason for the increase and the other part is what the Village would normally expect for the increase. Mr. Schofield stated the Village will see another increase next year when the Village brings the sports complex into the insurance. He stated this happens anytime the Village brings in facilities.

Councilman McGovern stated the Village has had a good relationship with FMIT and this is a minimal increase as far as insurance markets go and he thanked them for their assistance.

A motion was made by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilman Drahos, and unanimously passed (4-0), with Mayor Gerwig recused, to authorize the renewal of the contract to provide property and casualty insurance services with the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT).

Mayor Gerwig returned to the meeting.

**B. 20-3959 RESOLUTION NO. R2020-40 (FY 2019-2020 REVENUE
BUDGET AMENDMENT)**

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL
AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 GENERAL FUND
BUDGET FOR REDUCED REVENUE COLLECTIONS
RESULTING FROM THE PANDEMIC; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was formerly Item 6L.

Mr. Schofield stated staff is requesting to reduce the budget by \$2.4 million. He stated this is due to revenue shortfalls because of COVID. He stated the Village has lost revenue from state sales tax, gas tax and revenue from the Parks & Recreation Department. Mr. Schofield stated the Village is required to reduce the budget.

Mayor Gerwig stated by state law the Village has to have a balanced budget. It is going to be tough year.

Councilman McGovern asked Ms. Quickel to discuss the revenue that has been lost due to the impact of COVID-19.

Mr. Schofield discussed the areas of lost revenue. He stated next year's budget is \$5 to \$6 million lower than this year's budget and highlighted some of changes in the upcoming budget. He stated impacts to the Village's budget due to COVID will last for another two years or longer.

Regarding the revenue shortfalls, Ms. Quickel stated the franchise fees, which include both gas and electric, are under collected by approximately \$425,000 projected for the full year difference; \$1 million in intergovernmental shared revenues, which is where sales tax and half cent sales tax and state sharing come in; and \$1 million in the recreation programs. She stated these are the three components where staff is making changes right now.

Mayor Gerwig stated the Village is not spending as much in recreation now.

Ms. Quickel stated the program spending is substantially different.

Councilman McGovern asked if this will cover the shortfall.

Ms. Quickel stated yes for the current fiscal year through September 30, 2020. She stated staff feels confident about the projections for next year's FY 2021 budget. She stated significant reductions have been made for next year.

Mr. Schofield stated next year's budget is approximately \$5 million to \$6 million lower than this year's budget. It has been adjusted downward in terms of dollars and staffing. He stated staff believes that is sufficient. Mr. Schofield stated the Village will not see an income recovery for the next couple of years.

Mayor Gerwig stated some of this is due to property values.

Ms. Quickel stated staff did not lower the projections from the county. She stated staff is using the estimates that the county provided on the appraised value and that reflected the 2.9% increase. The difference was a smaller amount of construction than some of the comparable municipalities.

Mayor Gerwig stated that the Village does not have new construction and the Mall property was lowered in value. She stated her property value dropped.

Mr. Schofield stated with COVID there is a downward pressures on property values. He stated reductions are associated with recessionary cycles due to the number of businesses that are closed. Mr. Schofield stated the Mall was devalued and the Village's property value increase was between 2-3% where other municipalities saw greater increases. He stated the Village has no new construction to make up for the downward recessionary pressures. However, it is accounted for in the budget projections for the next five years.

Mayor Gerwig commented about the Village's share of the half percent.

Mr. Schofield stated approximately 75% of the properties in the Village have homestead exemptions on them. He commented about holding the millage rate the same and stated there is a state cap on much property taxes can increase. He referenced assessed and market values.

Councilman Drahos stated it is good that this is on the regular agenda so that the residents can see the impacts of COVID. He stated the Village could not have anticipated this a year ago. Councilman Drahos stated the Village maintains the reserves and is lucky to be able to cover this. He asked that staff really look at next year's budget regarding reserves.

Mr. Schofield stated the Village is doing the maintenance required and postponing certain construction projects. He stated for the purposes of balancing this year's budget, staff is reducing spending not using reserves.

Councilman McGovern commented regarding the general fund budget and noted that the Village has not laid off any employees.

Mr. Schofield confirmed that the Village has not laid off any employees.

Mayor Gerwig stated she is proud of how the Village has treated its employees and stated she appreciates how flexible staff has been through this crisis.

A motion was made by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilman Drahos, and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve Resolution No. R2020-40 (FY 2019-2020 Revenue Budget Amendment) as presented.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Schofield indicated no public comment cards were received.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

- Ms. Cohen stated that Council received a letter from an attorney regarding Java Plum trees. She stated there was a four hour hearing last Thursday and the parties have submitted proposed orders to the magistrate and are waiting for the magistrate to rule.

Mayor Gerwig asked what the Village's role is in this.

Ms. Cohen explained the code regarding this issue.

11. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- The Next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 7:00 PM.
- Village Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020 in observance of Labor Day. The Agenda Review Meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, September 3, 2020.
- Mr. Schofield stated Palm Beach County will be issuing an order on Thursday regarding playgrounds. The Village will be opening our playgrounds as a result. Mr. Schofield stated we do not have staff to continually treat the playgrounds every time someone uses them. He stated there will be signage regarding this.

Mayor Gerwig asked how the village will keep kids 6 feet apart and with their masks on.

Mr. Schofield stated that the Village does not have staff to monitor every playground all day long. He stated parents will have to accept this responsibility for their children.

Councilman McGovern asked if it is the Village's intention to review what the county's order says and to comply or exceed the standards in the county's order.

Mr. Schofield stated the Village will follow the county's order.

Councilman Drahos asked if the September 8, 2020 Council Meeting be virtual.

Mr. Schofield stated that will depend on whether the county enters into Phase 2.

Councilman McGovern asked if September 8, 2020 is the first reading of the budget.

Councilman Drahos stated his preference is that the September 8, 2020 Council Meeting occur in person.

12. COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR GERWIG: Mayor Gerwig presented the following report:

- Mayor Gerwig discussed the upcoming events in the village.
- Mayor Gerwig inquired about the comment that was read regarding Item 6I (Annual Listing of Proclamations) and asked for an update regarding Mr. Slater's report.

Mr. Schofield gave a brief overview of what steps have been taken regarding Mr. Slater, a meeting with PBSO, the top down review of policies, ways to get the teens involved with law enforcement in a positive way and public service announcements. He stated that the Village is good at doing things but not good at letting people know the good things the Village is doing.

Mayor Gerwig commented about the Village's Youth Council and stated the Village won an award for the Youth Council. She asked that the Youth Council be engaged with this process. She asked for the Youth Council to be highlighted in a video for their work with younger kids and the state award that they won. She commented regarding how things work in local government and stated things do not happen overnight but the Village is working on them. Mayor Gerwig stated whenever an event can be held at the amphitheater she would like to see a unity event held there.

Councilman Drahos stated he looks forward to Mr. Slater's recommendations. He stated he found him to be credible and impressive.

Councilman Napoleone stated it takes time to do this properly and correctly. It requires detail and is a deliberative process. He stated he does not expect for this to be a quick fix solution and feels everyone will be pleased with what the Village is working on.

Mr. Schofield commented regarding the process with Mr. Slater. He stated the process so far has been eye opening. He stated while we do a lot of things better, there is always room for improvement. Mr. Schofield stated Mr. Slater is doing a good job of pulling things together.

Mayor Gerwig stated she found Mr. Slater to be impressive and his mannerisms were very engaging.

COUNCILMAN MCGOVERN: Councilman McGovern presented the following report:

- Councilman McGovern stated he is looking forward to more discussions and Mr. Slater's report coming forward.
- Councilman McGovern asked about testing trends at the Wellington Community Center testing site.

Mr. Barnes provided an update regarding the testing site.

Councilman McGovern asked Mr. Barnes to state what the hours are for the testing site, where people can register for their appointment and the days of the week for testing.

Mayor Gerwig inquired about the positivity rate for the testing.

Councilman McGovern stated the Drive-In Movies have been successful and asked what the schedule is for the Drive-In Movies.

Mr. De La Vega stated the Drive-In Movies take place on Fridays and Saturdays. He stated registration is available on Event Brite. Staff has purchased a bigger screen to accommodate more cars at the site.

Councilman McGovern thanked staff for coming up with these kinds of ideas. He stated the Drive-Through Backpack Event was a great success. He commented regarding the food drive and stated 900 people made it through the line in just over 2 hours. He commended Village staff for coming up with ideas to provide opportunities for residents and for them to be able to participate in a socially distanced manner.

Councilman McGovern commented regarding the County meeting today and the possibility of entering into Phase 2. He urged everyone to keep wearing their masks and being socially distanced.

Councilman McGovern stated school starts virtually on Monday and encouraged everyone to assist one another. He stated the opening of school will bring challenges.

Councilman McGovern wished happy birthday to Councilman Drahos, Mr. Schofield, Ms. Quickel and Ms. LaRocque.

Councilman McGovern encouraged everyone to complete the census. He stated Royal Palm Beach is passing out flyers at their events. He asked staff to prepare a flyer to people at the Village's events reminding them to complete the census.

Mayor Gerwig suggested doing a road rally through Wellington.

COUNCILMAN NAPOLEONE: Vice Mayor Napoleone presented the following report:

- Councilman Napoleone commented that food trucks are starting back up next week in neighborhood parks and stated the information is on the website.

- Councilman Napoleone stated they talked to the Wellington Community Foundation who donated funds to have Agliolio's restaurant to prepare 450 meals for the lunch shift and 108 meals for the night shift of Wellington Regional. He stated with the donation from Wellington Community Foundation, Agliolio's and the Community Services Team, the meals were delivered to Wellington Regional to show them appreciation and to thank them for all that they have done.

COUNCILMAN DRAHOS: Councilman Drahos presented the following report:

- Councilman Drahos stated the outreach to support our healthcare providers has been phenomenal.
- Councilman Drahos commented regarding school starting Monday and how teachers are preparing to teach virtually. He asked that the Village do a public service announcement acknowledging educators and the steps they are taking to educate the children.

MAYOR GERWIG: Mayor Gerwig presented the following report:

- Mayor Gerwig asked if the staff has reviewed the lighting in front of Village Hall at night.

Mr. Schofield stated staff did review the illumination of the lights at the base. He stated there was a proper light at the pole but he will speak with Mr. Wagner. Mr. Schofield stated staff may want to consider a traffic warning when people are crossing for events.

Mayor Gerwig asked that the lighting be reviewed during the Phase 2 planning.

- Mayor Gerwig stated there was an issue with fireworks during the 4th of July and asked if there is anything that can be done legislatively.

Ms. Cohen stated she will review the information regarding fireworks and provide Council a summary.

- Mayor Gerwig stated the annual evaluation forms were sent out for the Village Manager.
- Mayor Gerwig asked for an update regarding employees being out due to COVID.

Mr. Schofield provided an update regarding employees.

VICE MAYOR SISKIND: Councilwoman Siskind presented the following report:

- Vice Mayor Siskind did not provide an update.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:09 PM.

Approved:

Anne Gerwig, Mayor

Chevelle D. Addie, Village Clerk