

## **MINUTES**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL**

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

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at Wellington Village Hall, 12300 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL 33414.

Council Members present: 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, Deputy Village Manager; Tanya Quickel, Assistant 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** – Deacon Vince Muller, St. Therese de Lisieux Catholic Church, delivered the invocation.
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

- 1) Add Resolution No. R2020-53 for Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant and Resolution No. R2020-54 for a Budget Amendment to Allocate the Grant as Item 6K on the Consent Agenda.

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

#### **5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

- A. 20-3901 PRESENTATION OF 2020 WELLINGTON TOP COP AND TOP FIREFIGHTER AWARDS**

Mr. Schofield introduced this item. He indicated that every year the Public Safety Committee selects the Top Cop and Top Firefighter. He stated Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) Captain Rolando Silva and Battalion Chief William Rowley, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, were in attendance to make the presentations.

PBSO Captain Silva introduced Deputy Sheriff Scott Poritz and stated he is the 2020 Top Cop. He stated Deputy Sheriff Poritz has served in the Village of Wellington for 14 years. He stated he is a natural leader with a natural ability and has a heart for people. Captain Silva discussed an example of Deputy Sheriff Poritz assisting an elderly couple with getting their home organized in order for repairs to be made. Deputy Sheriff Poritz puts on the Day for Autism event and the Child Safety Experience event for children who are disadvantaged and raised monies on his own to help fund the event. He has participated in Feeding South Florida and is also responsible for helping to put the Wellington Parade together. Captain Silva stated although Deputy Sheriff Poritz is now doing crime prevention, he is still very engaged and involved in the Village. Captain Silva thanked the Public Safety Committee for giving him the award and thanked Council for recognizing Deputy Sheriff Poritz as Top Cop.

Deputy Sheriff Poritz thanked his wife for supporting his career and stated he is appreciative for his son and all that she has given him. He thanked the Public Safety Committee for this award and stated this award is for all of PBSO who work hard for the communities and cities they serve. He stated the support and guidance PBSO receives from Council, Mr. Schofield and staff allows PBSO to excel in the Village and the work expands outside of the Village. He stated Sheriff Bradshaw encourages employees to do the same and supports their efforts. He recognized and thanked Captain Silva and Lieutenant Shavitz for supporting his ideas and for their mentoring. On behalf of the Community Policing Team, District 8 and PBSO co-workers, Deputy Sheriff Poritz thanked the businesses and individuals that support PBSO and law enforcement and provide sponsorships for the events.

Councilman Drahos stated this was an excellent choice. He stated he has enjoyed working with Deputy Sheriff Poritz. He stated Deputy Sheriff Poritz is at every community event and he is the role model that he wants his children to interact with and he is thankful for the example Deputy Sheriff Poritz has provided for his children. He said Deputy Sheriff Poritz has always handled himself in a classy and respectful manner. Councilman Drahos thanked Deputy Sheriff Poritz for keeping everyone safe in the Council Chambers. He congratulated him on a job well done.

Councilman Napoleone stated they worked together on the Day for Autism and Deputy Sheriff Poritz puts his heart and soul into the event. He stated that this is a fantastic event that has gotten bigger every year. He said this is a small example of how Deputy Sheriff Poritz has given back to the community. Councilman Napoleone stated PBSO is there for the Village's events and it has been a pleasure to work with PBSO and Deputy Sheriff Poritz. He stated Deputy Sheriff Poritz is so deserving of this award.

Vice Mayor Siskind stated Deputy Sheriff Poritz is a great person and she sees him at every community event. She referenced the nomination letter. She stated Council thanks Deputy Sheriff Poritz for his service. Vice Mayor Siskind stated he is very dedicated and this makes Wellington a great hometown.

Councilman McGovern stated this is a lifetime achievement award for Deputy Sheriff Poritz's service here. He congratulated all of the other nominees and thanked the Public Safety Committee for choosing the Top Cop. He stated Council celebrates all of the good work PBSO District 8 does every day. He stated Deputy Sheriff Poritz is a true servant leader; he is a person

who embraces it, loves it and he is compassionate, dedicated and strong with a heart for the less fortunate. Councilman McGovern thanked him for everything he has done for the community and for his friendship.

Mayor Gerwig commended Deputy Sheriff Poritz for his integrity and dedication and thanked Deputy Sheriff Poritz for being a part of the community.

Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue Battalion Chief William Rowley introduced Captain Craig Dube as the Top Firefighter for 2020. He stated Captain Dube has been in the department for 23 years and a resident of Wellington for 20 years and has served Wellington for the last several years. He referenced the nomination letter. He stated Captain Dube is a strong leader and he has the respect of his crew and battalion. Chief Rowley stated Captain Dube is an officer they can count on when the right thing needs to be done.

Captain Dube thanked Council and stated it was a great honor to receive this award.

Mayor Gerwig stated Council always hears great things when Fire Rescue shows up. She stated Palm Beach County Fire Rescue has great response times and are the first ones to show up. Mayor Gerwig stated she appreciates the work Palm Beach County Fire Rescue does.

Councilman Drahos stated he likes that Captain Dube has a reputation for being level-headed and making reasonable decisions in times of emergency and this is exactly what the Village wants. He stated Captain Dube is in esteemed company and the Village is grateful for what Fire Rescue does daily. Councilman Drahos congratulated Captain Dube for a job well done.

Councilman Napoleone said the Village is fortunate to have the partnership with Fire Rescue and PBSO. He stated Council is honoring Captain Dube today for his service and congratulated him. Councilman Napoleone stated the entire Fire Rescue team is fantastic.

Vice Mayor Siskind congratulated Captain Dube on the award and thanked him for his service.

Councilman McGovern commended Captain Dube and stated the Village is proud to have him as a Top Firefighter and a longtime resident of the Village of Wellington. He stated it is important to have him here and thanked him for his continuing service and leadership in this challenging time. Councilman McGovern congratulated Captain Dube on being the Top Firefighter.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. 20-4015** MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
- B. 19-3348** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A CITY OF PUNTA GORDA CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN WATER CHEMICALS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF ANTI-SCALANT
- C. 20-3782** AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE A TASK ORDER TO HAZEN AND SAWYER, P.C. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY ANAEROBIC SELECTOR DESIGN

- D. 20-3793** AUTHORIZATION TO: 1) AWARD A CONTRACT TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR ANNUAL SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE INSPECTION, CLEANING AND REPAIR SERVICES AND 2) UTILIZE EXISTING CONTRACTS FOR PROJECTS OVER \$25,000
- E. 20-3842** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR THE MWI PUMP CONVERSION TO WATER LUBRICATION PROJECT
- F. 20-3967** AUTHORIZATION TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY
- G. 20-3973** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR THE WASTEWATER RECLAMATION FACILITY BAR/FILTER SCREENS REBUILD
- H. 20-3994** AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT FOR THE AQUATIC COMPLEX SLIDE REPAIR PROJECT
- I. 20-4001** RESOLUTION NO. R2020-49 (CODE COMPLIANCE FINE REDUCTION FOR 1016 LAKE BREEZE DRIVE)
- A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL COMPROMISING A LIEN ASSOCIATED WITH A CODE COMPLIANCE ACTION NOH-18-3666, 1016 LAKE BREEZE DRIVE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-199 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- J. 20-4014** RESOLUTION NO. AC2020-04 (14603 HORSESHOE TRACE VACATION)
- A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ACME IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT VACATING A 12.5-FOOT WIDE PORTION OF A 25-FOOT WIDE LAKE MAINTENANCE EASEMENT, TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 0.02 ACRES, LOCATED AT LOT 14, BLOCK 7, SUGAR POND MANOR (14603 HORSESHOE TRACE), MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- K. 20-4038** RESOLUTION NO. R2020-53 FOR FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S FLORIDA RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FRDAP) GRANT AND RESOLUTION NO. R2020-54 FOR A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE THE GRANT

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-53 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FRDAP) GRANT A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING A GRANT UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FRDAP) FOR THE GREENBRIAR PARK PROJECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-54 (FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GRANT FUNDS) A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREENBRIAR PARK PROJECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(ADDED TO THE AGENDA)**

Mr. Schofield stated there were 2 comment cards on the Consent Agenda.

Public:

Vice Mayor Siskind read comments submitted by John Fourney and Lucy Paz regarding Consent Item 6I into the record.

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

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

## **7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. 20-4010** ORDINANCE NO. 2020-15 (AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV (CODE ENFORCEMENT), SECTION 2-203 (SPECIAL MAGISTRATE) OF WELLINGTON'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CORRECT A SCRIVENER'S ERROR)

AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV (CODE ENFORCEMENT), SECTION 2-203 (SPECIAL MAGISTRATE) OF WELLINGTON'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CORRECT A SCRIVENER'S ERROR IN THE DATES OF THE INITIAL STAGGERED TERMS TO BE SERVED

BY THE REAPPOINTED SPECIAL MAGISTRATES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Schofield introduced the item.

Ms. Addie read the Ordinance by title.

Ms. Cohen explained to the Council that the ordinance is intended to correct a scrivener's error with respect to the commencement of the Special Magistrates' terms. Their terms were intended to commence June 1<sup>st</sup> and because of a typographical error, the ordinance stated the terms would commence July 1<sup>st</sup>. However, all of the discussions surrounding the adoption of the ordinance addressed the June 1<sup>st</sup> date.

Mayor Gerwig stated the June 1<sup>st</sup> date was discussed in the Council meeting where Council adopted the ordinance.

#### Public Hearing

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

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

Councilman McGovern asked if this was moot.

Ms. Cohen stated if the corrected ordinance was not done, there would have been a gap in service which was not intended. In order to eliminate the gap, the ordinance needs to be passed to correct that error.

**A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Vice Mayor Siskind, and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve Ordinance No. 2020-15 (Amending Chapter 2, Article IV (Code Enforcement), Section 2-203 (Special Magistrate) of Wellington's Code Of Ordinances to Correct A Scrivener's Error) on first reading.**

## **8. REGULAR AGENDA**

There were no Regular Agenda items.

## **9. PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Schofield indicated no public comment cards were received.

## **10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

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

- Ms. Cohen stated that she had no report.

## **11. MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

- The Next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 7:00 P.M.

Councilman Napoleone asked for an update on the Ousley Roundabout.

Mr. Barnes stated it is within a month of completion. He stated it is in progress and doing well and there have been no complaints related to the closure.

Councilman McGovern asked what the times are for the Creepy Crawl.

Mr. Barnes stated staff is partnering with IPC to be able to utilize their front lot and stick and ball fields for queuing to minimize traffic issues on 120<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. De La Vega stated the event will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Mayor Gerwig stated she will not be able to attend this weekend because she will be out of town.

Mr. Barnes stated it is a drive through event.

## **12. COUNCIL REPORTS**

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

- Vice Mayor Siskind asked if Council was going to discuss the board appointment.

After discussion, Council decided to appoint Mark Hagan for the At-Large Appointment to the Construction Board of Adjustments & Appeals.

**A motion was made by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Vice Mayor Siskind, and unanimously passed (5-0), to appoint Mark Hagan to the Construction Board of Adjustments & Appeals as an At Large Member.**

- Vice Mayor Siskind commended staff for a great job on the Twilight Green Market. She stated it has been drawing a good crowd and running smoothly. She stated it is fun with great vendors.

Mayor Gerwig stated Palm Beach County is looking for chances to come and speak with the public regarding COVID.

Mr. Schofield stated staff has discussed having them come out and speak at the Green Market.

Mr. Barnes stated staff is waiting to hear back from the County's Community Services Department and will coordinate with them once they have the details.

Mayor Gerwig stated this will be a good reminder to the public. It is not over and it can resurge and the Village needs to abide by all of the best practices for its events. She stated this is a good way for the County to get the information out.

Mr. Barnes stated the County proposal will be to provide promotional information and materials to attendees. He thanked the County for providing the dispensers at the Twilight Green Market. He stated the County made them available to municipalities about a month ago.

Councilman Napoleone stated the Twilight Green Market has had a fantastic start and will get better and better. He asked if on the Friday before Halloween, the kids could wear costumes to the event.

Mr. De La Vega stated staff is already working on this.

Mayor Gerwig stated she is glad to see people are wearing masks, social distancing and using the hand sanitizers at the event.

**COUNCILMAN MCGOVERN:** Councilman McGovern presented the following report:

- Councilman McGovern stated tomorrow may be the last day to complete the census.
- Councilman McGovern stated early voting begins Monday, October 19, 2020 at the Wellington Library from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Councilman McGovern stated the testing center remains open and the county mask mandate has been extended for another 30 days as of today.
- Councilman McGovern stated flu shots are being offered throughout the community.

**COUNCILMAN DRAHOS:** Councilman Drahos presented the following report:

- Councilman Drahos waived his report.

**COUNCILMAN NAPOLEONE:** Councilman Napoleone presented the following report:

- Councilman Napoleone waived his report.

**MAYOR GERWIG:** Mayor Gerwig presented the following report:

- Mayor Gerwig thanked Mr. Schofield for encouraging her to get her flu shot.
- Mayor Gerwig stated the Wycliffe Stiffs Stickball League canceled their upcoming season. She stated in honor of the season they donated the monies to Wycliffe Charities.
- Mayor Gerwig stated Mr. Terry contacted her again regarding traffic calming.



Mr. Schofield stated he will contact Mr. Terry tomorrow. He stated staff has looked into a variety of measures and have completed a review of traffic accidents over the last three years. The last thing staff is looking at is speed tables.

Mr. Barnes stated staff did reach out to Mr. Terry and provided information and updates. He stated staff will check to see if Mr. Terry has any other questions.

Mayor Gerwig stated a lot of neighborhoods are asking for some type of traffic calming.

Mr. Barnes stated this area is challenging and explained the different speed limits.

Mr. Schofield briefly discussed signage regarding speeding.  
Mayor Gerwig spoke about what was done in the past regarding speeding.

Mr. Barnes stated regarding Ousley, the completion date is November 30, 2020.

Mayor Gerwig commended Premier Health for assisting at Feeding South Florida today and stated it went well.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:56 PM.

**Approved:**

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**Anne Gerwig, Mayor**

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**Chevelle D. Addie, Village Clerk**