

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

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

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 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: Jim Barnes, Manager; Laurie Cohen, Attorney; Tanya Quickel, Deputy Village Manager; Ed De La Vega, 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** – Marianne Knisley, Jesus Christ Church of Latter Day Saints, delivered the invocation.

At this point, Mayor Gerwig stated that we lost a teacher at Elbridge Gale Elementary School. She read the obituary for Toni Koy into record and asked for a Moment of Silence.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Barnes indicated staff recommended approval of the Agenda as presented.

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

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A. **20-4221** PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION BY THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES FOR WELLINGTON'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Mayor Lisa El-Ramey, Town of Loxahatchee Groves, introduced the Loxahatchee Groves Councilmembers who were present: Councilman Robert Shorr and Councilwoman Laura Danowski. In addition, she introduced Mary Nicholas.

Mayor El-Ramey read the proclamation into record and presented the proclamation and plaque to Council.

Council thanked the Town of Loxahatchee Groves for the proclamation and plaque.

B. 20-4222 A PROCLAMATION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING PAUL SCHOFIELD ON HIS RETIREMENT AND YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION AS VILLAGE MANAGER OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Ms. Addie read the proclamation.

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) Captain Rolando Silva stated as District Commander for the last five years he wanted to thank and honor Mr. Schofield. He stated Mr. Schofield has been a great Village Manager and a great partner to PBSO and to him personally. He stated Wellington is a town of excellence that gets a lot of things right. Captain Silva stated Mr. Schofield was very capable and diligent and this exemplified who he was. He stated Mr. Schofield has a great, beautiful family and wished him the best and richest retirement. He thanked Mr. Schofield for his wisdom, mentorship and guidance.

Representative Matt Willhite thanked the Council and provided comments from a prepared tribute to Mr. Schofield. He stated during the eight years he was here with Mr. Schofield they accomplished many things together. He mentioned the Patriot's Memorial and stated it was the best thing in the best spot for the community to bond together. He commended Mr. Schofield for his professionalism and stated he never put anyone on the dais in a bad position or in a wrong light. He stated Mr. Schofield was the right person for the Village who brought it through those years that he was Village Manager. Representative Willhite said Mr. Schofield has left the Village a better place and he appreciates all that Mr. Schofield has done. He also recognized Mrs. Karen Schofield for allowing Mr. Schofield to spend the time working here at the Village. He stated Mr. Schofield's family sacrificed alot to allow him to make Wellington a better place. He encouraged Mr. Schofield to enjoy his retirement because he has earned it and thanked him for his time and effort.

Former Councilman Mr. John Greene congratulated Mr. Schofield on his well-deserved retirement. He stated it was an incredible four years when he worked along with Mr. Schofield. He said the evolution of communities, buildings, infrastructure and the quality of care here in Wellington over the years came from Mr. Schofield's leadership. He stated Mr. Schofield was always professional and a gentleman. Mr. Greene said Mr. Schofield always stood up for what was right for the community and supported things that would make a difference in a positive way. He thanked Mr. Schofield for his leadership and friendship.

Former Mayor Tom Wenham stated it is a pleasure to come before Council and he is sorry to see Mr. Schofield leave. He stated he knew Mr. Schofield when they worked at Palm Beach County together. He said he enjoyed working with Mr. Schofield and he was the best thing that

could happen to the community as it came up through the ranks. He stated the Village needed that guidance, a person who knew what to do, how to do it and get it done. He said is thankful that Mr. Schofield was here at that time. He stated he will miss Mr. Schofield and that he is glad that a great person, Mr. Barnes, is now on the dais. He thanked Mr. Schofield for doing what was best for the Village and for everything he has done for the community over the years. He also commended Mrs. Schofield for helping Mr. Schofield and for being there. He wished Mr. Schofield's family the best of luck.

Mr. Jess Santamaria, former Palm Beach County Commissioner and longtime developer, stated he had the good fortune of knowing Mr. Schofield for approximately forty years and they have been friends. He stated he learned that one of Mr. Schofield's best assets is leading with a steady hand and his calm demeanor under pressure at all times. He read comments into record and wished Mr. Schofield and his family blessings for many years to come.

Mr. Keith B. Jackson, P.E., Vice President/Engenuity Group, Inc., thanked Mr. Schofield for his guidance and friendship over the years. He wished Mr. Schofield good luck on his retirement.

Mr. Tony Nelson, Premier Health and Wellington resident, gave comments and thanked Mr. Schofield for coming into the life of his family and becoming a friend when they needed one. He stated Mr. Schofield is a professional in everything he has done.

Mr. Youn Lee, LEED AP, Principal/Director of Design/Song + Associates and Wellington resident, thanked Mr. Schofield for his dedication, wisdom, leadership and service to the Village. Mr. Lee stated he and his family are very happy living in Wellington.

Ms. Mary Nicholas stated she and Mr. Schofield have worked together in many different capacities. She thanked Mr. Schofield for his generosity of time, friendship and professionalism and wished him the best of luck on his retirement.

Mr. Paul Schofield (son) thanked Mr. Schofield for the guidance he has given him as well as his work ethic. He stated Mr. Schofield stands up for what is right and he is teaching that to his children. He said he appreciates all that Mr. Schofield has done for his family and thanked Council for being with Mr. Schofield over the years.

Mr. Schofield stated the Village Council has known him for a long time and he likes to work in his office and get things done versus being in the limelight. He referenced the "Four Tests for All Projects and Programs" on the back of the Village's identification badge and stated none of the things accomplished over the last twenty years happened without a Council who was willing to do the work. Mr. Schofield stated in order to achieve anything it starts with the Council and the Village also has exceptional staff. He stated he appreciates all of the nice things that everyone has said. Mr. Schofield said he has enjoyed his time with the Village and he will miss all of the people here.

Mr. Barnes asked the Communications Team to show goodbye videos that were made for Mr. Schofield.

Mayor Gerwig stated without Mr. Schofield the Village would not have been as successful as it has. She stated Mr. Schofield has always protected Council and thanked him for his leadership. Mayor Gerwig commended Mr. Schofield for his leadership over the last eleven years and stated being a village manager is a tough job. Mayor Gerwig commended him for being

masterful with finding things that any Council could agree on, work together and be successful. She stated Mr. Schofield has laid the foundation regarding staff and there are great people who work for the Village. She thanked him for his friendship and for what he has provided to the Village.

Vice Mayor Siskind stated prior to her joining Council, Mr. Schofield was the person she would call regarding the Binks' Carnival when she was on the PTA. She stated she has enjoyed her time on Council with Mr. Schofield and knowing he was at the helm of the Village gave everyone a peace of mind. Vice Mayor Siskind stated she always felt Mr. Schofield had the best interest of Wellington at heart and showed concern for Wellington's future after he would be gone. She stated she is curious to see what happens next for him. She wished Mrs. Schofield good luck and thanked her for sharing Mr. Schofield with the Village. She extended best wishes to Mr. Schofield.

Ms. Cohen stated she has had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Schofield since 2003, first as a Councilmember and then as Village Attorney. She said she was amazed at his knowledge and how patient he was at teaching her all of the things she needed to know as a Councilperson. Ms. Cohen said she has enjoyed working with Mr. Schofield more as Village Manager and Village Attorney. Ms. Cohen said they have always been respectful of each other and she admired his knowledge and leadership. She stated she will miss Mr. Schofield and wished him and Mrs. Schofield the best of luck.

Councilman McGovern thanked Mrs. Schofield and family for their commitment that made Mr. Schofield the great leader that he is and stated it is a tribute to them that everyone is here tonight to say "thank you" for making us better people, better leaders and for making this a better community. He referenced his first meeting as an elected official with Mr. Schofield. He stated Mr. Schofield is the person to whom results matter. He stated Wellington has results that are just beyond belief and commended Mr. Schofield for bringing Wellington through different situations and crises. Councilman McGovern stated Mr. Schofield taught us by not just learning from him but also watching his example and watching the people he surrounded himself with. On behalf of him and his family, Councilman McGovern thanked Mr. Schofield for always being available and putting Wellington first. He stated Wellington is truly a better community and place due to the fact that Mr. Schofield built so much here and placed Wellington on sound footing. He stated he looks forward to the next adventure.

Ms. Addie thanked Mr. Schofield for the opportunity to work here. She stated Wellington is an extremely well run government with a tremendous team of people to work with. She thanked Mr. Schofield for his leadership and for what she has learned from observing him. She said Mr. Schofield encouraged staff to anticipate questions from Council and the public and to be prepared to provide the answers. Ms. Addie extended best wishes to Mr. Schofield, Mrs. Schofield and their family.

Councilman Drahos stated he appreciated everyone coming out to honor Mr. Schofield this evening. He stated even though the Village has done all it can to prepare for this moment by having Mr. Barnes as the new Village Manager, which is a credit to Mr. Schofield who cultivated a protégé in Mr. Barnes, it is surreal to be going through this experience at the moment. He said the idea of finishing his remaining three years on the dais without Mr. Schofield has not set in yet. He commented that Mr. Schofield was great at helping him through the challenges Wellington faced across the last five years. Councilman Drahos discussed his first experience in municipal government and meeting with Mr. Schofield. He stated Mr. Schofield's legacy is that

there are countless people with stories of what Mr. Schofield has done for them. He thanked Mr. Schofield and said he is a better councilman and person for having worked with him.

Councilman Napoleone stated Mr. Schofield's fingerprints are all over the Village and he is a steady hand on the rudder. He complimented Mr. Schofield on how he has ran the Village. Councilman Napoleone said there is so much good that has come from Mr. Schofield's leadership in Wellington. He said Mr. Schofield's absence from the Village will be huge. He thanked Mr. Schofield for everything and said he will miss the chats and appreciates the time he has gotten to know him the past five years.

Mr. Barnes provided a brief history of working with Mr. Schofield. He stated he was fortunate that Mr. Schofield took his call in regards to coming to work for the Village. He discussed Mr. Schofield's four way test on the back of the Village's identification badge and referenced #4, "Is it the right thing to do"? He said that Mr. Schofield always wanted to "make it right" for projects, residents and employees in the Village. He commented regarding the population of the Village at the time that Mr. Schofield began and what it is now. He said under Mr. Schofield's leadership, they continued to do things as efficiently as possible. Mr. Barnes spoke of Mr. Schofield's legacy within the Village during a time of recession and discussed the budget changes at that time. He stated projects are continuing now that started under Mr. Schofield's tenure. He said we are losing an MVP and he has big shoes to fill. Mr. Barnes stated he is grateful that he can stand on the shoulders of Mr. Schofield who came before him.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 20-4234** MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2021 AND MINUTES OF THE ACME LANDOWNERS MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2021
- B. 20-4151** AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE UTILIZING A CITY OF BAYTOWN, TEXAS CONTRACT, AS A BASIS FOR PRICING, FOR UTILITY BILL PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES
- C. 20-4161** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA) CONTRACT, AS A BASIS FOR PRICING, FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SOLUTION
- D. 20-4162** AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW EXISTING CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR PARKS AND SECONDARY ROADWAYS
- E. 20-4185** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE C-24D / SOUTH ROAD NEW CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT
- F. 20-4189** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A TASK ORDER TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE WELLINGTON WATER TREATMENT PLANT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

- G. 20-4205** AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE UTILIZING A CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH CONTRACT, AS A BASIS FOR PRICING, FOR SUPPLEMENTAL LABOR AT THE WATER AND WASTEWATER PLANTS
- H. 20-4206** AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT FOR THE BIRKDALE BOARDWALK REPAIR PROJECT
- I. 20-3889** RESOLUTION NO. R2020-50 (DROWNING PREVENTION COALITION "BUCKS" CERTIFICATE PROGRAM)
- A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE DROWNING PREVENTION COALITION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR VOUCHERS FOR FREE SWIMMING LESSONS UNDER THE "BUCK" PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- J. 20-4226** RESOLUTION NO. R2021-06 (LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH T-MOBILE SOUTH LLC)
- A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH T-MOBILE SOUTH, LLC FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE LEASED PREMISES AND ENHANCEMENTS TO SECURITY AND ENTRY PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER LOCATED AT 1100 WELLINGTON TRACE, WELLINGTON, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- K. 20-4236** RATIFICATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R2020-66A (DIVERSITY CONSULTING SERVICES BUDGET AMENDMENT)
- A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO FUND THE REMAINING AMOUNT OF THE DIVERSITY CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Barnes stated there were no comment cards on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Barnes indicated staff recommended approval of the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

There were no Regular Agenda items.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Barnes indicated no public comment cards were received.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

- Ms. Cohen reminded Council that there will be a shade session on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. on the PR Raintree matter.

11. MANAGER'S REPORT

MR. BARNES: Mr. Barnes presented the following report:

- The Next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

12. COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILMAN NAPOLEONE: Councilman Napoleone presented the following report:

- Councilman Napoleone stated there is a vacancy on the Architectural Review Board (ARB). He said there is one applicant, Dayna Bertola, and he is appointing her to fill the vacated seat on that board.

COUNCILMAN DRAHOS: Councilman Drahos presented the following report:

- Councilman Drahos stated he had no report.

COUNCILMAN MCGOVERN: Councilman McGovern presented the following report:

- Councilman McGovern stated the Great Neighborhoods grant program for 2021 began on Monday and there is information about the program on the Village's website.
- Councilman McGovern encouraged everyone to continue to be vigilant in the battle against COVID.

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

- Vice Mayor Siskind congratulated everyone involved in the Great Charity Challenge held on Saturday night. She stated it was a wonderful night for the community and \$1.1 million was given away to charities in Palm Beach County. Vice Mayor Siskind said this really impacts the communities and thanked Equestrian Sports Productions (ESP), Anne Caroline Valtin, Executive Director, the Bellissimo Family and Fidelity Investments. She stated it was live streamed and it was heartwarming to see all of the effort.
- Vice Mayor Siskind said she visited the Tennis Center and suggested the Council come out and play a tennis match.

MAYOR GERWIG: Mayor Gerwig presented the following report:

- Mayor Gerwig stated Eli Chernobelsky, Santos Bonfante and Connor Remington, Wellington Community High School students, are working on the Student of the Year Campaign for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She stated they would like the Village to donate gently used shoes as a part of their fundraiser and they also have other events planned. Mayor Gerwig stated everyone can bring the shoes to her at Village Hall.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 P.M.

Approved:

Anne Gerwig, Mayor

Chevelle D. Addie, Village Clerk