

Village of Wellington

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414*



Action Summary - Final

Monday, January 25, 2021

4:00 PM

Village Hall - Conference Rooms 1E & 1F

Village Council Workshop

*Anne Gerwig, Mayor
Tanya Siskind, Vice Mayor
John T. McGovern, Councilman
Michael Drahos, Councilman
Michael Napoleone, Councilman*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gerwig called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Council Members in Attendance: Anne Gerwig, Mayor; Tanya Siskind, Vice Mayor; John McGovern, Councilman; Michael Napoleone, Councilman and Michael Drahos, Councilman.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gerwig led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. REVIEW OF COUNCIL AGENDA

Mr. Barnes introduced the agenda for the January 26, 2021, Regular Council Meeting for review.

A. [20-4175](#)**FISCAL YEAR 2021 KEELY SPINELLI GRANT AWARDS**

Mr. Barnes introduced the item. He said that this is the Presentation of the FY 2021 Keely Spinelli Grant Awards.

Ms. Edwards explained that the Education Committee met and reviewed and approved the applications. She said that they had a Zoom call with all the principals, the area Superintendent as well as Marcia Andrews. She mentioned that it has been a challenging year for them all and they are all very appreciative of these funds because many of them are having to use this money for tutors. Some of the schools, especially the high schools, are having issues with the kids really losing ground being virtual. She said that because of this, they are using the extra funds to pay for the extra assistance that the students need. She stated that the principals will be at the next meeting to receive their checks along with the area Superintendent.

Mayor Gerwig asked if they are doing anything different or innovative that we have not heard of.

Ms. Edwards stated that this year is all about getting the extra support for the kids because of the virtual learning.

B. [20-4196](#)**PRESENTATION TO THANK COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO HAVE SPONSORED VILLAGE EVENTS AND PROGRAMS DURING THE PANDEMIC**

Mr. Barnes introduced the item. He said that this is the Presentation, thanking Community Partners who have sponsored Village Events and Programs during the COVID-19 Pandemic. He said that most, if not all of them, will be present and bringing different members of their team so that the Village can recognize them for their service to the Village. He said that Mr. De La Vega and Ms. Brito will be handling the awards.

Mayor Gerwig stated that she is sure that it is an exhausting list.

Mr. De La Vega stated that there was 18 of them and they have received confirmation from 14. He said that some are bringing a few people with them and some are bringing more than that. He said pursuant to CDC guidelines and social distancing, he and Ms. Edwards are planning on getting the principals taken care of with their checks, have them leave and then bring in the sponsors. He said that Ms. Brito will call them out and Ms. Harvey will hand them their plaques. He said that they will bring up each group to take a picture with the Council. He stated that with the amount of people coming, he does not believe a group photo will be possible.

Mayor Gerwig asked if these were sponsors that wrote checks.

Mr. De La Vega stated that was correct. They wrote checks for virtual programming, Bingo, the Creepy Crawler Event, Food Drive, Toys Drives and a lot of Village programs and events. He said that the total was approximately \$85,000 since March. He said that it was significant enough that they felt it should be recognized.

Mayor Gerwig stated that this is certainly not everyone that helped. There were those that gave their time and talent aside from this.

C. [20-4209](#)

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2021

Mr. Barnes introduced the item. He said that this was the Council Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Wellington Council Meeting of January 12, 2021. He said that if any of them had any comments to send them and staff will make sure that they are reflected correctly.

D. [20-4154](#)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW A CONTRACT WITH ZAMBELLI FIREWORKS MANUFACTURING CO. FOR THE ANNUAL JULY 4TH FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Mr. Barnes introduced the item. He said that this is the Authorization to Renew a Contract with Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing Co. for the Annual July 4th Fireworks Display in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Mr. De La Vega explained that this is for our Annual 4th of July Fireworks Display and as they know, there are some unknowns since they were only in January. The current contract is set to expire on March 13 and has a couple of renewal options available. This would be the first renewal option. He said that they are seeking to renew for \$50,000, which is what they spent last year. He reminded them that last year they had one event, but two different fireworks displays. One of which was at the 10-acre site and the other at Village Park. He said that without knowing what they are going to do at this time, they are just asking to award the contract at \$50,000 and once they get closer to July, they will make the determination of whether they are having an event or do what they did last year.

Mayor Gerwig asked if it cost more last year to do two sites.

Mr. De La Vega stated that it cost \$50,000 for both sites. He said that if we are able to do one event this year, they will be able to use all of the \$50,000.

E. [20-4160](#)

AUTHORIZATION TO 1) AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE WASTEWATER LIFT STATIONS 10, 48, 76 AND 79 REHABILITATION PROJECT; AND 2) AWARD A TASK ORDER TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES

Mr. Barnes introduced the item. He stated that this was the Authorization to 1) Award a Contract to Hinterland Group, Inc. for the Wastewater Lift Stations 10, 48, 76 and 79 Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$1,439,500; and 2) Award a Task Order to Mock Roos & Associates, Inc., to provide Construction Phase Engineering Services for the Project, in the amount of \$69,210.

Ms. LaRocque explained that this item is the awarding of two contracts. She said the first one is to Hinterland Group, Inc. in the amount of \$1,439,500 and the second one is a work authorization for Mock Roos & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$69,210. She said that these were for Phase 2 of the Lift Station Rehabilitation. She mentioned that a couple years ago they completed a comprehensive evaluation of all the lift stations. She said that Phase 1 was completed last year and now they are rolling into Phase 2. They have selected four master stations and pointed those out on the map. She explained that a master station collects waste from multiple lift stations. She noted that all of these master stations will be getting fixed portable generators that will be there permanently, which was partially grant funded. She said that they are ready to go with Lift Station #10, which is in Margate Place by the park. Lift Station #48 is by Ousley Farms roundabout. Lift Station #76 is in the Grand Isles and Lift Station #79 is in the Isles South. She mentioned that they will be working closely with the neighborhoods and the associations

so that they understand what the project is and ensuring that they minimize the impacts to the residents. She said that this is a year long phase and each one of these lift stations will take at least three months to complete. She stated that they have done work with Hinterland before and they are well qualified to perform this work, so they are recommending approval.

Councilman McGovern asked that when you look at the base bid amount, Hinterland's bid was \$1.275 million, how did they get to the \$1.439 million.

Ms. LaRocque stated that the recommendation is for the base bid of \$1.275 million and they have selected three alternates in the amount of \$34,500 and an additional \$130,000 in contingencies for a total of \$1.439 million. She said that they had about six alternates and then they evaluated them and decided that these particular three were a very good value for the dollar and they recommended moving forward with them.

Mayor Gerwig asked if laying out the plan was part of the bid process.

Ms. LaRocque stated that it was.

Mayor Gerwig asked Mr. De La Vega if his staff was involved in that.

Mr. De La Vega stated that they were. He said that the basis for award was the base bid amount. He said that once they determined the lower bidder on the base bid amount was Hinterland, they went with the pricing that was provided with those alternates. He said that Ms. LaRocque's team decided which alternates were of value and added those to the bid base amount along with the contingency.

Ms. LaRocque stated that this is all budgeted and is in the Capital Plan for this year.

Mayor Gerwig stated that there was no contingency on the Management Plan on the task order to Mock Roos. She asked if that was a flat amount.

Ms. LaRocque stated that they administer all their construction contracts internally, but they do get some assistance from the engineer as needed. She said that is a "not to exceed" number.

F. [20-4186](#)

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE AERATION TANK INFLUENT PIPING AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mr. Barnes introduced the item. He said that this is the Authorization to

Execute a Change Order with Wharton Smith, LLC. for the Aeration Tank Influent Piping for the Water Reclamation Facility in the amount of \$301,416.

Ms. LaRocque stated that Wharton Smith, LLC. is currently the contractor that is mobilized at the wastewater plant completing the water reclamation renewal and replacement project. She stated that is the \$19 million project, which is scheduled to be complete this year. She explained that in the budget this year, there is a project called the Anaerobic Selector. It helps the treatment process and a design work authorization was recently approved with Hazen and Sawyer. She said that it made sense to her to have Wharton Smith complete the underground portion of the anaerobic selector project because it includes an outage to the water reclamation facility. She said that they feel comfortable with them doing that. She said that additionally they will save money because they are mobilized on site and they are seeing a huge increase in material pricing. The selector will not be ready for another eight to nine months to bid, so they feel that it is wise to recommend to move forward with this procurement with that material now to lock in the prices that they are seeing. She said that they are seeing cost escalations that they have never seen before. It is almost impossible to track. She said that between mobilization and buying the materials now, she is confident they will save money. She said she also feels confident that they will not suffer any unmanageable impacts to operation with Wharton Smith completing the work. She said that the proposal is purely based on material costs and management and labor costs.

Mayor Gerwig asked for an explanation on the selector.

Ms. LaRocque explained that it is a very passive process. It is a big concrete structure with paddles that helps the solids in the system settle out better so that they can ensure that they meet all their regulatory requirements as the demands increase. Right now, they are projected to have some challenges based on the treatment process and this is becoming a very favorable treatment alternative to help with settle-ability at the plant. It is very proven and very cost effective.

Councilman McGovern asked if this would keep everything on the same timeline.

Ms. LaRocque stated that it accelerates a portion of it, helps save money and helps minimize plant impacts.

Mayor Gerwig asked if all of these improvements are out of the money that they bonded.

Ms. LaRocque stated that was not correct. She said that this money is in the approved budget for the Capital Plan. She said that they are just using a portion of the selected project to pay Wharton Smith to do this work. She said that they will still have the remaining funds to go out to bid the construction project for the remaining work.

G. [20-4187](#)

AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A TERM CONTRACT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS A BASIS FOR PRICING, FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION VALVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Barnes introduced the item. He said that this is the Authorization to Utilize Palm Beach County Term Contract IFB #19-027R/CC, with Hydromax USA, LLC, as basis for pricing, for Water Distribution Valve Maintenance Services, in the amount of \$140,000.

Ms. LaRocque stated that this item is recommending a contract with Hydromax USA, LLC in the amount of \$140,000 using a piggy back contract with Palm Beach County. She mentioned that in 2018, they initiated their Valve Maintenance Program system-wide. She said that the distribution system has about 3,500 valves that range between 4" and 16". The American Water Works Association (AWWA) highly recommends that all water utilities have a valve maintenance program. She said that this optimizes the Village's system performance and reliability in the event of a fire or a water line break. It minimizes the water losses as it ensures that the Village can shut off our valves if there is a water line break and it enhances the distribution system water quality. She said that they have programs where they exercise the valves in certain areas to move water different ways in order to keep the pipes flushed. She stated that they did their first system wide assessment with Hydromax successfully in 2019. She mentioned that it is her goal to do this every two years, so this is their 2021 effort. She said that the money is budgeted in their operational budget and Hydromax performed the first analysis successfully. She said that at the end of the six month project, the Village will get a complete report that identifies the condition of every single valve. She said that they do the same thing on the hydrants. She said that staff is recommending an award to Hydromax in the amount of \$140,000 and no transfers are required.

Councilman Napoleone asked if this was an annual expense.

Ms. LaRocque stated it was bi-annual.

Mayor Gerwig stated that if the Village does not keep up with this, then we cost ourselves with not being able to maintain the system as easily.

Ms. LaRocque stated that was correct. She said that the biggest

concern is outage management, fire fighting and distribution control. She said she recently sent out an Administrative Transmittal (AT) regarding a Distribution Award that they received from the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association. She said that this was one of the reasons why they were selected for that award.

H. [20-4188](#)

AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR PUMP REPAIRS TO PUMP STATION 5 AND PUMP STATION 8

Mr. Barnes introduced the item. He said that this is the Authorization to Award a Sole Source Contract to MWI Pumps for Pump Repairs to Pump Station 5 and Pump Station 8 at a combined cost of \$51,274.

Mr. De La Vega stated that the Village has two stations that are in need of repair, Pump Stations 5 and 8. He said that MWI is the manufacturer of these pumps and staff is recommending using them for providing this service at a cost of \$51,274. He said that this is budgeted in the 2020-2021 Pump Repairs and Maintenance Operating Account.

Mayor Gerwig asked the locations of Pump Stations 5 and 8.

Mr. Barnes stated that Pump Station 5 is at Birkdale Drive and Pump Station 8 is at Pierson Road. He mentioned that this is going to water instead of oil, so it is "greener" and friendlier to the environment as far as sustainability in terms of the lubrication. He said that in the long term it is cheaper as well.

Councilman Napoleone asked if these were the first pump stations that are being converted to water lubrication or have we done that already.

Mr. Barnes stated that these are the first ones. These are also being handled by the original manufacturer.

I. [20-4190](#)

AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A TASK ORDER TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE C-8 FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Barnes introduced the item. He said that this is the Authorization to Award a Task Order to Mock, Roos & Associates, Inc. to provide Engineering Consulting Services for the C-8 Forcemain Replacement Project at a cost of \$53,826.

Ms. LaRocque explained that this is a work order for Mock, Roos & Associates in the amount of \$53,826 for design of the C-8 Forcemain. She said that as a result of the Village Royale Project on Southern Boulevard and 441, demand and intensities have significantly increased, primarily on the forcemain system. Over the last four years, they have

done several upgrades, specifically on two projects, the forcemain on Forest Hill Boulevard that they upsized to 16" and a portion of the forcemain of the southern portion of the Village Royale Project down the C-8 Canal. She pointed out on the map that her line indicated by the yellow line, was 12" and there was 16" above and below, so they needed to upsize it. She said that it was about a half a mile that they needed to replace with 16". She said that the Village will design and construct the work, but the developer will refund us through the execution of the developer agreement. She said that they will not only pay capacity fees to reserve capacity, they will also pay their fair share of impacts to upgrade the system. She said that was standard practice with every single development. She said that they need to get ahead of the work, so they have agreed to design and construct and they will refund. She said that they do not approve any project until they reimburse us for this, on a pro rata basis, per development pod.

Councilman Napoleone asked if this was just the design portion.

Ms. LaRocque stated that was correct. She said that the design and construction was in the capital budget this year.

Councilman McGovern asked exactly where this was.

Ms. LaRocque stated that it was from the C-28 Canal all the way down south to our Master Lift Station #92, just east of the C-8 Canal. She said that it is in the canal right of way and there really is no residential impact. She said that they will construct a half mile of temporary forcemain above ground because they have to keep the system operational. She said that they have done this before and should not be an issue.

Mayor Gerwig asked if the developers pay immediately or as they develop.

Ms. LaRocque stated that they pay as the pods develop.

J. [20-4210](#)

C E R T I F I C A T E O F C O R R E C T I O N P A R C E L S
73-43-41-44-14-00-000-1040 & 73-43-41-44-42-001-0010

Mr. Barnes introduced the item. He said that this is the Approval of Certificates of Correction for Parcels 73-43-41-44-14-00-000-1040 & 73-43-41-44-42-001-0010 resulting from Property Ownership Change in November 2019 to Property Owners Association (POA) Ownership at Palm Beach Polo.

Ms. Quickel explained that the Village has received communication from the attorney at the Palm Beach Polo Country Club that two parcels' ownership changed in November 2019. She said that these were golf

course parcels and have gone to ownership by the POA. The Village has been requested to provide Certificates of Correction for these parcels. She stated that this takes a total of 140 acres off of the tax roll, which equates to approximately \$32,200 in annual ACME assessments. She said that to do this, because this was included on the FY2020 tax roll and notices have gone out, the assessment for the surrounding property owners within Palm Beach Polo and Country Club for the FY2021 budget will increase beyond the \$230 for an additional \$28 to cover that. She said that in the years following that, beginning in FY2022, theirs will increase by \$14 and remain at that to make up for the lost assessments.

Councilman Napoleone asked why this comes off the tax roll. He asked if it is because it becomes a common element.

Ms. Quickel stated that was correct.

Mayor Gerwig asked how this was overlooked. She said that it seems as if it is a repair at this point.

Ms. Quickel explained that this is not abnormal. She said that the Village receives the tax roll from Palm Beach County and they indicate the ownership. They had not made the correction and their copies of Certificate of Correction are included in the packet.

Councilman McGovern stated that it seemed as if the Village does not really have a choice in this situation.

Ms. Quickel stated that was correct. She said that the Village does not control this. She said that the Tax Assessor and Property Appraisers will be doing the same Certificate of Corrections to correct this with the property owners as well.

Councilman McGovern stated that they are the ones that really administer this for the Village.

Ms. Quickel stated that was correct. She said that the only thing that changes for the Village is the ACME assessment.

Ms. Cohen mentioned that this is statutory. She said that under the statutes, if it is a common element of community, it is not subject to the non-ad valorem assessments. She said that is why they applied for the Certificate of Correction and that is what the Village is doing. She said that it is essentially a shifting of that revenue from the common element to the property owners within the development.

Councilman McGovern stated that it would be in proportionate shares.

Ms. Cohen stated that was correct.

Mr. Barnes stated that while the tax is based on the fact that it is a common element and is no longer going to be levied, the ACME assessment is a benefit that they will still be receiving, therefore they still have to be assessed that assessment.

Mayor Gerwig asked if that was per unit.

Mr. Barnes stated that was correct.

Councilman Napoleone asked if staff knew if the property owners have received notice on the increase.

Ms. Quickel stated that they have notified the General Manager of the Palm Beach Polo and Country Club that this would be happening.

Mr. Barnes stated that they have also spoken to the POA Board President and Property Manager and advised them of what options they had. He said that they could be handled as the POA and re-assess their residents or we could assess the residents directly. He said that they preferred this route.

Ms. Cohen stated that their counsel is aware of it as well.

Mayor Gerwig stated that the benefit is provided and they are still paying for it as far as ACME goes.

Ms. Quickel stated that was correct because it is for their exclusive use.

Councilman McGovern asked if this was an action they were taking as ACME Board of Supervisors or as the Village Council.

Ms. Cohen stated that it is ACME, but are approving it as the Village Council.

Mayor Gerwig stated that the Village has to do this in order for the County to get this on their tax roll.

Ms. Quickel stated that was correct. This is so they can get the correction taken care of.

Mr. Barnes stated that the Village has done these in the past and will

continue to do them in the future. He said that the only peculiarity in this case is that you have the change from regularly assessed property to a common area element, which changes how it is taxed. He said that as far as Certificates of Correction because things happen mid-year or mid-process, they have to address those for regular ad valorem as well as for special assessments like solid waste, etc. on various properties.

Councilman Napoleone asked if procedurally this item should be on the Consent Agenda or should it be on the ACME Meeting Agenda, which would be held right after the Council Meeting.

Mr. Barnes stated that ACME is not the one taking the action. It is a Village of Wellington action that just so happens to be a sub-item of ACME. He said that the Village is not only taking action on that on the ACME portion, but taking action to correct it now that it is a common area element. The Certificate of Correction is correcting the fact that it is a common area element and will no longer be on the tax roll.

K. [20-4199](#)

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-18 REPEAL THE LAND USE ELEMENT AND REPLACE WITH THE LAND USE AND COMMUNITY DESIGN ELEMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING THE WELLINGTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, MORE SPECIFICALLY, TO REPEAL THE LAND USE ELEMENT AND REPLACE WITH THE LAND USE AND COMMUNITY DESIGN ELEMENT, INCLUDING ANY ELEMENT MAPS, IN ITS ENTIRETY, AS CONTAINED HEREIN; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Barnes introduced the item. He said that this is the Approval of Ordinance No. 2020-18, a Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment (CPTA) to Repeal the Land Use Element and Replace with the Land Use and Community Design Element of Wellington's Comprehensive Plan. He said that this would be a summary with more detail at the next meeting.

Mr. Stillings explained that this is a repeal of the Land Use element and replacing it with the Land Use and Community Design element. He said that this is the second of ten elements that staff will be bringing to Council. He said that this is one element that is required by the Florida Statutes. With this update, staff has re-organized and updated each of the goals and policies. He said that this one establishes the land use and design principles and standards that protect the existing neighborhoods and development, guides future development and establishes strategies for reinvestment and redevelopment in eligible areas. He said that some

of the continuing concepts are the requirements for compatibility with existing conditions and complimentary uses, the development performance standards to achieve high quality development, conservation property management, neighborhood and resource and protection as well as concurrency requirements. He said that some of the key updates are that some of the land uses have been re-named and re-organized, but the densities and intensities of those land uses have not changed. He said that they have established a re-investment and re-development potential within several of the residential land uses and a few of the mixed-use land uses with the intent of coming back to the Council at a future date with a program that will allow the Village to implement those bonuses. He said that this does not give anyone any entitlement currently and those actions will require a discussion with the Council, amendments to the LDR to implement the program and ultimately a decision by the Council to approve any allowance for those bonuses as a part of any development proposal. The policy that has been proposed is to bring that back to Council within a three year period. He said that it also does not define where those will be applicable. It may even require additional amendments.

Mayor Gerwig asked if currently we have anything that provides for that.

Mr. Stillings stated that the only bonuses that we currently have is going from Standard Zoning to a Planned Unit Development (PUD). He said that in the table within the element, it does list a standard density/intensity, a bonus density/intensity and then a second and third layer of bonus intensity, which would be this re-investment/re-development bonus.

Mr. Stillings stated that they are also proposing to eliminate some of the regulatory related policies, such as the height regulations policy, as those are regulated within the LDR. He said that there will be a series of maps that will be incorporated into the adoption.

Councilman Napoleone asked of what they are going to vote on, does it include a recommendation from the Planning, Zoning and Adjustment Board (PZAB) to take out something regarding golf course development.

Mr. Stillings stated that was correct. He said that part of the PZAB recommendation was to eliminate the reference to golf courses in the introduction and also to remove Objective 3.4 at the time and associated policies related to golf courses. He stated that they have presented that to Council in the proposed ordinance for the repeal and replacement. He said because of that, you will not see references to golf courses.

Councilman Napoleone asked if it will come back at a later time.

Mr. Stillings stated that in discussion with the PZAB, it was determined that it needed more focus and dialogue to really get into the issue. He said that they did not want to hold up this element update or any of the other elements in the process.

Mayor Gerwig said that it does not solve the question, it just leaves it open.

Mr. Stillings stated that was correct.

Mayor Gerwig said that these places are shown as open space recreation and not shown as golf course or anything for re-development.

Mr. Stillings stated that was correct.

Mayor Gerwig asked if they still exist.

Mr. Stillings said yes.

Councilman McGovern asked if they are still governed by the Comprehensive Plan as they always have been.

Mr. Stillings stated that was correct. They are still governed by the Comprehensive Plan, the PUD Master Plan and the LDR's.

Councilman McGovern asked that in order for the residents to understand, the State of Florida requires us to update the Comprehensive Plan at least every seven years for all of these elements.

Mr. Stillings said that it requires the Village to give them an evaluation and appraisal of the Comp Plan. He said that they had done one a few years back and they felt it was time to do a whole scale review and update. He said that this is independent of the EAR because you have a one year time frame to get it done if you do it as part of your evaluation. This leaves it up to the Village's timeframe.

Councilman McGovern stated that this allows the Village to control the whole process.

Mr. Stillings stated that was correct, but it is effectively the same type of update.

Councilman Napoleone stated that on Page 365 of the Council packet it

shows the red line changes with the new and improved version than what currently exists.

Mr. Stillings stated that was correct. He mentioned that this is a repeal and replace and what they found with this and other elements, was that when they tried to do the typical strike-through and underline, it would be just impossible to understand what was happening. He said that the exhibit to the ordinance version is clean and does not include any extra notations. There is another version that does have the notations in red and italics to indicate whether it was an update to an existing goal or policy or if it is a new policy.

Mayor Gerwig asked how long this project has been going on.

Mr. Stillings stated that they just presented the PZAB with the first elements in November, 2020 and started the project around April or May, 2020.

Mayor Gerwig asked if they would be getting a more in depth presentation at the next meeting.

Mr. Stillings stated that they would be.

Councilman McGovern stated on Pages 376 & 377 of the Council packet, when looking at the "Objective LU & CD 2.4 Neighborhood Investment", when talking about neighborhood investment, it seems to limit that to properties near and adjacent to the proximity to Town Center. He asked if that is where we are wanting reinvestment focused or are we making that statement that we want it on Forest Hill Boulevard versus anywhere else where there would be multi-family neighborhoods.

Mr. Stillings stated that the particular policy is targeted to areas around the Town Center or what has been referred to as "Mid-Town." He said that the next objective goes into State Road 7 Corridor Development. He said that when you get into the Reinvestment Program Policy, starting with Objective 3.4, each of the policies from 3.1-3.4, really leaves it open to the Council to define what areas are eligible for those reinvestment incentives.

Mayor Gerwig stated that meant it would not necessarily be next to the Town Center and is not exclusive.

Mr. Stillings stated that was correct. He said that Policies 2.4 and 2.5, were strictly focused on the State Road 7 Corridor and the area around the Town Center, whereas the reinvestment strategy is reasonably open

ended and does mention the multi-family areas and some of our neighborhood commercial areas.

Mayor Gerwig expressed her concern of not being able to see a version with the strike-throughs and stated that she just wanted to make sure that we are not leaving something out and that this Council has the chance to address the issues that the PZAB had a statement on. She said that she wants to make sure they are not shying away from a difficult conversation. She said that if it is something they need to do now, she said that she thinks they should look at that at the next meeting.

Mr. Stillings stated that there really was just the goals and policies that were new. He said that the Reinvestment Strategies was the biggest one. The golf course mention was second and they agree with the PZAB that there should be a more in depth discussion. He said that the reinvestment strategies had enough included so that they could get to the next steps and come back to Council and have that more in depth discussion.

Mayor Gerwig stated that much of this is aspirational. It is to let them know what we are aspiring to and we are not forcing any land changes in this process.

Mr. Stillings stated that was correct.

Councilman McGovern asked if this requires two readings.

Ms. Cohen stated that was correct as it is an ordinance.

Mr. Stillings stated that the plan is to bring all elements to the Council as a first reading in "bite sized" pieces as there are ten of them and there is a lot to review. He said that once they get them all back from the Department of Economic Opportunity, they will bring them all back to the Council as one package for second reading and adoption.

Vice-Mayor Siskind asked if the golf course component is included or will it come later.

Mr. Stillings stated that it is not included and it is up to the Council if they want to have a discussion about it, then he feels it would be best to have it in a workshop setting and then build from there.

Councilman McGovern stated that all they are doing by not including that and having the specific statement about golf course redevelopment itself, is just staying silent on that concept at the moment. He asked if that was

correct.

Mr. Stillings stated that was correct.

Vice Mayor Siskind asked if the Equestrian Preserve Committee reviewed components of this.

Mr. Stillings stated that they did not.

Mayor Gerwig asked if they had been involved in the Code re-writes, but not the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Stillings stated that they have been involved in the Equestrian element. He said that we felt they were only "word smithing" what was already in the elements that was related to the equestrian and not really making any changes.

Councilman McGovern stated that they are spending a significant amount of time on the Equestrian element with extensive discussion on the Equestrian Committee.

Mr. Stillings stated that was correct.

L. [20-4200](#)

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-19 REPEAL THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT AND REPLACE WITH THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS ELEMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING THE WELLINGTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, MORE SPECIFICALLY, TO REPEAL THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT AND REPLACE WITH THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS ELEMENT, INCLUDING ANY ELEMENT MAPS, IN ITS ENTIRETY, AS CONTAINED HEREIN; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Barnes introduced the item. He said that this is the Approval of Ordinance No. 2020-19, a Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment (CPTA) to Repeal the Intergovernmental Coordination Element and Replace with the Community Partnerships Element of Wellington's Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Stillings explained that this is repealing the Intergovernmental Coordination Element and replacing it with the Community Partnerships Element. He said that this is another required element of the Florida Statutes. It guides and fosters partnerships with governmental agencies and community partners. He said that staff has taken what the current

element has as one goal and have split it into two. One is directed to the Village's public partnerships, which are the agencies and organizations that we deal with on a governmental side. The other is the community partnerships, which are the other organizations and community groups that the Village works with to compliment what the Village does in serving the Community. Those would include the Chamber of Commerce, Community Foundation, the inter-faith community and non-profits organizations and businesses. He said that staff wanted to make sure that the element recognized the additional work that the Village does beyond just the coordination with governmental agencies. He said that the PZAB had no recommended changes.

Councilman McGovern stated that there was a lot of really good things in this element. He said that specifically statements about adding policies for Youth Services, goals for community partnership and goals for partnerships with non profit organizations. These are things the Village has been doing and are now adding as official statements of what we believe.

Mr. Stillings stated that it is really recognizing that cliché, "It takes a Village."

Mayor Gerwig stated that it is also outside of the Village as it mentions in the partners outside of the Village that affect us. She said that she invites the public to look at this agenda as it is published online. If someone is watching and they have something to say about what they are doing, it is published online and they can ask questions and make comments.

M. [20-4201](#)

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12 (REPEAL AND REPLACE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT)

AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING THE WELLINGTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, MORE SPECIFICALLY, TO REPEAL AND REPLACE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, AS CONTAINED HEREIN; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Barnes introduced the item. He said that this is the Approval of Ordinance No. 2020-12, a Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment (CPTA) to Repeal and Replace the Capital Improvements Element of Wellington's Comprehensive Plan and to Adopt the Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for Level of Service Schedule.

Mr. Stillings explained that this item is for second reading. He said that this is coming back to the Village after being reviewed by the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) who had no comments. He

said that this is just an update of the Capital Improvement Element with the primary goal of incorporating and adopting the capital budget into the element, but also to make some of the similar updates that the Village has made in terms of reorganization and "word smithing" that they have been doing with some of the other elements. He said that there was one clarification from Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC), which was whether or not the Village meant to say "and" or "or" relative to development impacts and their contribution towards those impacts. They have amended that accordingly and recommend adoption. He mentioned that this one they are doing a little different than the others. He said that with the others they intend to bring the Council all of the elements together to read at second adoption as a package. He said with this one, they are asking the Council to adopt this independently so that staff can meet the annual requirement to incorporate the capital budget into the element. He said that the capital budget that is in this element is associated only with those facilities that are level of service oriented, so it is a little shorter than the overall capital budget.

Mayor Gerwig stated that it lays out the five year plan and asked if it lays out the ten year plan.

Mr. Stillings stated that it just lays out the five year plan.

Mayor Gerwig stated that it allows people to see what the Village has in near view. She asked what year is the Village in on the Acme Conveyance additional assessment. She asked if we were half-way through it.

Ms. Quickel stated that we were halfway through it.

Mayor Gerwig stated that all of the utility projects were listed in the budget. She asked if we were going ahead with the Peaceful Waters project.

Ms. LaRocque stated that they were not as it is done.

Mayor Gerwig stated that it is showing on the five year plan.

Mr. Barnes mentioned that the Peaceful Waters project started out as a two phase project and they went ahead and did the whole thing.

Mayor Gerwig stated that Peaceful Waters Wetland Phase 3 is listed. She asked if that should come out.

Ms. LaRocque stated that was a separate project.

N. [20-4177](#) RESOLUTION NO. AC2021-02 (15000 46th LANE SOUTH VACATION)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ACME IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT VACATING THE ENTIRE 100-FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT 300 FEET IN LENGTH, TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 0.69 ACRES, LOCATED WITHIN TRACT 15, SUN GLADE POINT SUBDIVISION (UNRECORDED) (15000 46TH LANE SOUTH), MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Barnes introduced the item. He said that this is the Approval of Resolution No. AC2021-02 to Vacate an entire 100-foot Wide Road and Utility Easement 300 feet in Length, totaling approximately 0.69 acres, located at 15000 46th Lane South.

Ms. Stillings explained that this is a request for abandonment for a roadway utility easement, which is located at the southeast end of 46th Lane South. He indicated the area on the presentation slide. It is a 100 x 300 foot easement. He said that the Utilities, Engineering and Planning staff reviewed the request and had no objections. The property consists of about .69 acres. He said that the abandonment requirement requires a public hearing as it is a road utility easement, but did not require notification as it is not a right of way.

Mayor Gerwig asked if this was disturbing anyone's access.

Mr. Stillings showed the Council where the easement is located on the presentation slide.

Councilman Napoleone asked if we have no more use for this easement and that is why we are abandoning it.

Mr. Stillings stated that was correct.

Councilman McGovern asked if the Village has ever used it.

Mr. Stillings stated that he is not aware of us ever using it. He said that there have been several improvements within the easement, including a storage shed and the riding ring. He said that the fencing around the ring was constructed with a building permit with releases at that time.

Mayor Gerwig mentioned that they do not need that for access to the property as it is in use now.

Mr. Barnes mentioned that the applicants have requested, which staff has no problem with, that this item being on the public hearing agenda

together with the three comprehensive plans, that this item is put ahead of those plan items. He said that unless Council has an issue with it, staff has no problem making that change to the agenda. He said that this would become item A.

Mayor Gerwig stated that was a good idea.

O. [20-4198](#)

OUTSIDE LEGAL FEES AND COSTS - DAVID DEE, ESQUIRE, GARDNER, BEST, BOWDEN, BUSH, DEE, LAVIA, WRIGHT & PERRY, P.A.

Mr. Barnes mentioned that staff would like to move this item and the next item to the Consent Agenda. He said that they can discuss them at this meeting, but there really is no reason for them to be on the Regular Agenda. He introduced the items. He said that they are the Approval of Continued Use of Outside Professional Legal Services with David Dee, Esquire, Gardner, Best, Bowden, Bush, Dee, Lavia, Wright & Perry, P.A. as well as the Approval of Continued Use of Outside Professional Legal Services with Kula & Associates, P.A.

Mr. De La Vega explained that the solid waste contract with Waste Management, Inc. is set to expire September 30, 2021. He said that we do have two, one-year renewals on that contract. He said that they have been having discussions with Waste Management regarding the cost to renew. He said that the information they are getting from Waste Management is that in order for them to accept a renewal at this point, we would have to accept doubling the cost we currently pay. He said that we are currently paying \$13.59 per unit, which is a good price. They said they would renew at approximately \$26 per unit. He stated that they are turning a \$3.5 million contract into a \$7 million contract in order for us to renew. He said that staff's recommendation is to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP).

Mayor Gerwig asked if our contract renewal did not guarantee that they would do it.

Mr. De La Vega stated that we have renewed once with them and authorized them a .90 per unit increase back in July, 2020 and this renewal period ends September 30, 2021. He said that from that point on, we either need to agree on the renewal or go out for bid.

Mayor Gerwig asked if the agree on renewal is on both sides.

Mr. Barnes stated that was correct. He said that the only term the Village had guaranteed was for the initial five year term, which they had to hold their costs. Any subsequent one-year renewal after required both parties to agree to both the terms and the conditions.

Mr. De La Vega stated that in order for us to get the RFP, they are requesting assistance from David Dee, who assisted the Village the last time we did an RFP back in 2015. He said that would be at a cost of not to exceed \$50,000, which would be reimbursable by the firm that wins the RFP. He said that the reason they are bringing this to Council now is because issuing the RFP will take a few months, but even more so, if they have to change companies, the firms would need 6-9 months for transition. He mentioned that February 3rd is the RFP date to release. He said that the existing contract allows us to extend the contract for three months at the same price, so really we have until December 31, 2021.

Ms. Cohen mentioned that this is Mr. Dee's area of expertise and is a very complicated area. She said that his contract is an hourly rate, so there is the potential that he could bill more than the \$50,000, but there is a provision in the RFP in the contract for reimbursement of \$50,000 that goes towards those fees and costs.

Councilman Drahos asked what his hourly rate is.

Ms. Cohen stated that she was not completely sure as she did not have it in front of her, but she thought it was around \$300. She said she will find out for the next meeting.

Mayor Gerwig stated that he has already billed us for \$11,330 and that is included in the \$50,000.

Ms. Cohen stated that was correct. She said that the initial contract was within the purchasing authority of the department, but because it is likely to exceed that and may be reimbursed, they wanted to get Council approval.

Councilman McGovern asked if this is a request to allocate up to \$75,000 out of the Outside Legal Budget for this.

Ms. Cohen stated that was correct.

Councilman McGovern mentioned that of which \$11,000 has already been spent.

Ms. Cohen stated that was correct.

Councilman McGovern asked if the RFP that is going out on the third calls for a reimbursement of \$50,000.

Ms. Cohen said that was correct.

Councilman McGovern asked why we are not capping this at \$50,000 or raising the amount that is being reimbursed in the RFP that has not gone out yet to cover the entire amount.

Ms. Cohen stated that the amount that is being requested just goes through the fiscal year. She said that the bulk of the work has already been done. She stated that the RFP will go out in early February and the contract has already been drafted and reviewed. She said that they put that in there just to authorize up to that amount knowing it is not likely to be that full amount. She said that \$50,000 is the standard amount that is included in these types of contracts.

Mr. De La Vega stated that is what they used last time they went out for RFP six years ago. He said that they did not get to the \$50,000 at that point.

Mr. Barnes stated that six years ago when they initiated that last process, they had the same \$50,000 reimbursement provision in the RFP and they utilized Mr. Dee. He said that they started earlier part of the process and that was the first time they had utilized Mr. Dee and was the first time they had re-done their solid waste contract and RFP. They did not get to the \$50,000. He said that they feel fairly certain that they will get there again given that they are further ahead since Mr. Dee created and crafted the current contract they are using. This is just improving on those contract provisions and terms rather than starting from scratch.

Ms. Cohen informed the Council that Mr. Dee's hourly rate is \$275.

Mayor Gerwig asked if he bills us for all the services, would there be an occasion when one of his staff members will bill us or will it always be him.

Ms. Cohen stated that it would primarily be him as he is the one with the knowledge and expertise in this area. He is the one with the relationships with in house counsel with the various providers.

Councilman McGovern asked if most of the work was done that was included in the \$11,300.

Ms. Cohen stated that was not correct. She said that there will be additional amount that we have an invoice coming for that will exceed the initial set amount of \$24,000.

Councilman McGovern asked why would Council give an approval of up to \$75,000 on this item if everyone is saying it will never go past \$50,000.

Ms. Cohen stated that the amount can be adjusted. She said they just did that as a buffer for the end of the fiscal year in case there should be something else that they need to consult with Mr. Dee about. She said that if they are more comfortable with reducing that to the \$50,000, they can certainly do that. She said that if for some reason they need to exceed that amount, staff can come back to Council. She said that she does not anticipate it will even exceed that amount.

Councilman McGovern stated that he would feel more comfortable if it was capped at the \$50,000 and knowing the Village will be reimbursed from the winning bidder. This way the residents are not out any money at all.

Mayor Gerwig asked if he will work on any bid challenges.

Mr. De La Vega stated that he works on all of it.

Mayor Gerwig stated that he will be involved in the process one way or another and we are not going to pay him for hours he did not work. She said that this is a very intricate and would not just want any staff working on this.

Ms. Cohen stated that it does require specialized knowledge.

Councilman Drahos asked if we were to change the RFP to \$75,000, is that contrary to industry standards.

Mr. De La Vega stated that we can certainly do that, but keep in mind that they just add that cost to us in the contract.

Mr. Barnes stated that no one is getting anything for free.

Councilman Napoleone asked if it was switched to the \$75,000, would it discourage people from bidding on it.

Mr. De La Vega said that it would not.

There was a consensus to revise the amount up to \$50,000.

Ms. Cohen stated that it will still go on the Consent Agenda as revised.

P. [20-4207](#)**OUTSIDE LEGAL FEES AND COSTS – KULA & ASSOCIATES, P.A.**

Ms. Cohen stated that this item is also seeking continued use of outside legal of Kula & Associates, P.A. for appeal in the fine reduction in the 130 violations case. She said that the case is fully briefed and she does not anticipate receiving any further significant invoices at all from them. She said that there was an appeal and a cross appeal and all the filings that went with that, so it did exceed the limit that the department has.

Councilman McGovern stated that with the case fully briefed, we do not expect to get anything else.

Ms. Cohen stated that was correct and she thinks this is it.

Councilman McGovern asked who the attorney was.

Ms. Cohen responded that it was Elliot Kula.

Mayor Gerwig asked if this was the case where the Special Magistrate lowered the fine.

Ms. Cohen stated that it was lowered from \$6.2 million to \$1.2 million.

Mayor Gerwig stated that she is going to ask that this stay on the Regular Agenda.

Councilman McGovern asked if this was asking for an authorization of up to \$35,000.

Ms. Cohen stated that she does not expect that there would be oral argument, but it is conceivable that there could be. She said that in that event, it would exceed what has been billed already and what is outstanding to be paid.

Q. [20-4212](#)**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DIRECTION RELATING TO PARTIAL RELEASE OF PALM BEACH POLO LIENS AND LIS PENDENS TO FACILITATE SALE OF PROPERTY TO THE PALM BEACH POLO AND COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION ("POA")**

Mr. Barnes introduced the item. He said that this is the Discussion and Direction from Council Regarding

POA's Request for Partial Release of Liens and Lis Pendens to Facilitate Sale of Property to the POA.

Ms. Cohen explained that Palm Beach Polo Association has a contract with Palm Beach Polo Club to purchase a building that is commonly referred to as the "Halfway House." It is referred to as that because you get halfway through the golf course at the house and take a rest. The intent is for the usage of the Association's office because they are currently renting space for that purpose. She said that this property is part of a larger tract, so it would have to be re-platted. They are asking that in order to facilitate the sale that the Village issues a partial release of the liens that are on that parcel. She said that the liens that we have outstanding apply to all of the property owned by Polo and this would release just the one portion that the POA wants to purchase. She said that because that would essentially result in an illegal subdivision, she has asked for an acknowledgement from the POA and Palm Beach Polo that they agreed that it constituted an illegal subdivision under our code, that they would have a period of time to re-plat. She said that if they failed to re-plat, they both would be cited for violation of our code and neither of them could use as a defense in either code enforcement action or any litigation the fact that the Village cooperated with them in facilitating this sale. She said that is the request and she does not have any objection to it. She said that the partial releases would be held in trust until the property closed and the deed was recorded. They cannot hold the releases in trust until the platting, because in order to close and fund the loan, the title company will require the releases.

Mayor Gerwig asked who pays for the re-plat.

Ms. Cohen stated that it is the obligation of the purchaser, with cooperation of the seller.

Mayor Gerwig asked if the sale of this building prohibits use of the golf course or does it have anything to do with it.

Mr. Barnes stated that he does not believe the building has been in use for that for a long time. He said he believed that they have been using it as offices now.

Ms. Cohen stated that she does not know what the offices have been used for or whether they are actively being used. She said that the POA has been advised that they cannot use this for the purpose they intend until they have done a Master Plan amendment and a Land Use Change and there is no guarantee that it will be granted. She said that would have to be decided by Council at a quasi-judicial hearing. She said that they

are aware of that.

Mayor Gerwig stated that basically the Village is getting out of the way of the sale.

Ms. Cohen stated that was correct. She said that she wanted to make sure they could not use that cooperation on the part of the Village against us in the future if it came to a code enforcement challenge.

Mayor Gerwig asked if she wanted to move this item to the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Cohen stated that she was ok with that.

There was consensus to move the item to the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Barnes asked Ms. Coates to give an update on tracking COVID and where we were regarding hearing from the State of Florida on vaccines.

Ms. Coates stated that she was going to give a vaccine distribution update, currently where we are now and where we are looking to go in the future. She said that as everyone is aware the Governor, on December 23, 2020, issued his Executive Order 20-315 which outlined the priority of vaccine distribution. She said that we are in Phase 3. She said that it has been broken down into a three phased plan by the State. As of Phase 1, it is determined by the State of Florida as well as the Florida Department of Health as the lead agencies on how vaccines are distributed. It is long term care facility residents and staff, those that are 65 and older and healthcare personnel with direct patient contact. There have been state sponsored vaccine sites, such as the one at Hard Rock, and state run sites around the entire state that can be found on the Florida Health Department website, floridahealthcovid19.gov. In addition, there have been some pop up vaccine sites that have been seen come through the County and some churches that are all State Directed sites. She said that some municipalities have received vaccines through their own fire department agencies. Ms. Coates stated that moving forward, she is not sure that will continue. She said that as they are hearing from the Department of Health, their priority right now is to go through the wait list of almost 200,000 residents who signed up through the chd50feedback@floridahealth.gov email. She said that she has heard from residents that it actually is working and they are getting calls. She stated that the site is currently is disabled for anyone who currently wants to get a vaccine appointment, but that could open at anytime. She said that they are keeping tabs on it to see when it will become available. She said that Publix is accepting appointments for

vaccines. She indicated that as of right now, they are fully booked and they will re-open it on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 6:00 a.m. She said that they will continue to track that and update on the Village website for any opportunity that may be available. She said that the Village has done and is continuing to reach out to the State of Florida, the State Emergency Manager and to Palm Beach County to serve as a distribution point. She said right now, we are on standby with that request. Ms. Coates stated that we have been positioned as a testing point and we are positioning ourselves as a point of dispensing site as well. She said that they have constant communication with our public agencies and are eagerly waiting to receive some vaccine here in Wellington. She said that right now, they are currently working with the priority schedule.

Councilman Drahos asked if staff is continually renewing our requests on a periodic basis.

Ms. Coates stated that we were doing that on a daily and weekly basis. We are contacting our representatives with the State Governor's office and our public health agencies. She said that she is on the phone with Department of Health constantly.

Mayor Gerwig stated that we have partnered with them in the past, so she felt we were a good partner. She said that it is very frustrating, but feels it is mostly a lack of supply.

Councilman Drahos asked what is their response when we ask.

Ms. Coates stated that they tell her they are reaching out to the Governor and that we are on standby.

Mayor Gerwig stated that the important part is that we are trying.

Councilman McGovern asked if we have facilitated two of our senior communities asking to have the mobile sites.

Ms. Coates stated that we had. She said that right now, their priority is the Health Department wait list. There are over 200,000 + names on that list.

Mayor Gerwig stated that there are many Wellington residents on that list. She said that she does not feel Wellington is being precluded from that plan, but just feels that we would be so much more efficient about this process than an email that they send and a person sits by their computer waiting. She said that they are asking people who are not that computer

savvy to do things that seem supernatural. Mayor Gerwig said whatever they can do to shorten that wait time for our residents, she wants to do. She said that it has been brought to her attention that those people who are in frontline health care, but not affiliated with a hospital have not gotten that vaccine. She asked what Ms. Coates would tell those people to do.

Ms. Coates stated she would have them contact the Health Department and there is a number for them to call. She said that they can also call the hospitals. She said that the hospitals have been helping in part with the frontline workers.

Mayor Gerwig asked about residents who have health conditions who are less than 65 and in this phase. She asked who makes that decision on what health condition qualifies. She said that she has been telling them to contact their doctors.

Ms. Coates stated that has been coming up a lot, especially those who have autoimmune deficiencies that are under 65. She said that Dr. Alonzo's recommendation is that at this time, they are not under that order.

Mayor Gerwig stated that the Department of Health's website said they do qualify and then it links them to a hospital. She said that is where it seems to break down to that level of discretion.

Ms. Coates stated that she would recommend that they call the hospitals. She said that she cannot say or recommend that they go to the hospital and guarantee that they will get the vaccine. She said to definitely call them and see what they say.

Councilman McGovern stated that in developments over the weekend. He said that FEMA is coming in with their own sites and their own plan. He asked if staff has heard anything about that.

Ms. Coates stated that she had not. She said that she does know that the State of Florida is looking at some of the testing sites in the County, but the details are not fully out there. One example may be that FITTeam BallPark might convert to a vaccine site. She said that they are looking at another location here in Palm Beach County (PBC), but that is run through the State of Florida.

Councilman McGovern asked if we have heard anymore about a site at the South Florida Fairgrounds.

Ms. Coates stated she had heard a little bit, but it would be a County run site. She said that when these sites start popping up around the County, it will be very similar to the testing where there is certain contacts you have to go to register for your appointment. She explained that various groups are running various sites and you will have to go to their websites to register.

Mayor Gerwig stated that she knew Ms. Coates had put a lot of work into this. She said she greatly appreciated it. She just is very frustrated and so are the residents.

Ms. Coates mentioned that Dr. Alonzo said that it could take several weeks to get out of this phase and into the next one where we can have more mass distribution sites up and running. Then to get to Phase 3, where almost everyone else is able to receive the vaccines. She said that we will get to that point, but to remember we are still in Phase 1.

Councilman McGovern asked about the testing site. He said that he thought there were federal dollars reallocated in this second CARES Act that was signed in the beginning of January. He asked if we have heard anything about potentially getting the testing site back.

Mr. Barnes stated that we are keeping in contact with PBC Administration, given that was our work through to get the test site originally. He said that they will let us know as soon as they decide. He said what happens is that the CARES Act money was allocated to the State and then to the County and then it gets distributed. At this point, notwithstanding availability in funding, the County will have to make a determination to fund the test site.

Councilman McGovern stated he understood there was specific money in that Act specifically for testing.

Mr. Barnes stated that could be true, but they could decide that testing would still be free to get done, but performed by private providers, such as places like MD Now, Premier, etc. However they decide to do it, we have our regular contact and are in constant contact with him. The contact said that he would advise us. He said that they did acknowledge the good partnership that we had.

Mayor Gerwig stated that she is telling people what she knows. She said that she tells them about the mass vaccination site at the Hard Rock and at St. Lucie County. She said that asking our residents to drive that far, especially the elderly, is not a good plan. She said that she does think it is important to concentrate on testing, but thinks the vaccinations are

where we need to push the hardest.

Councilman McGovern stated he completely agreed. He said that he feels Wellington is now behind more than we were as we do not have a testing site nor a vaccination site.

Mayor Gerwig stated that it is very frustrating and she appreciates whatever we can get.

Ms. Coates stated that staff will continue to work on this and continue to keep them updated. She mentioned that the Department of Health had a vaccine summary breakdown by County. This will show you the amount of doses distributed by County, age group, and other demographics.

Mayor Gerwig stated that a question she gets is about vaccination trials that are still going on. She said that if you get into a trial, once that vaccination becomes available, you would be one of the first ones to get it. She asked Ms. Coates if she had heard about that.

Ms. Coates stated that she was not familiar with it. She said that she would ask Dr. Alonzo about it.

4. WORKSHOP

None.

5. ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

None.

6. MANAGER COMMENTS

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Gerwig mentioned that she received the Administrative Transmittal regarding the Outstanding Water Distribution System Award. She stated that she appreciated all the efforts that are taken and they do get recognized. She said that they have done the American Water Works contest for reducing water use and things along that line. She asked if there were any processes in place for that at this time.

Ms. LaRocque stated that is our Drop Saver's Contest and that is ongoing right now. She said that they are reaching out to teachers. She stated that it is very challenging, but they are working on it. She said that they will still have participation, but feels it will be significantly lower.

Mayor Gerwig stated that she just wanted to say that she never wants to hear that we are not doing a great job at this basic service, because it really comes down to health and safety. She thanked Ms. LaRocque and told her they did good work.

Councilman McGovern asked if their workshop on Diversity is still set for the following day at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Barnes stated that it was and it should allow for some time before the Council meeting. He said that he will be sending out a menu so that dinner will be available in the event they cannot get out and get something before the meeting.

Ms. Cohen reminded Council that it is actually a Special Meeting, not a workshop. She said that it has been noticed as such in case they need to take action or to take public comment, then they have the ability to do so.

Mayor Gerwig stated that she is expecting public comment. She asked if the public is invited.

Mr. Barnes stated that was correct. He said that it definitely is an open meeting and it had been noticed, so they can accommodate the public.

Mayor Gerwig asked if we have been in contact with those who have been inquisitive about the issue and have participated online in the panels and things like that.

Mr. Barnes stated that the participants have been advised.

Mayor Gerwig asked if we knew how long it will last.

Mr. Barnes stated that he felt Mr. Slater could review the information with the Council in about 30-45 minutes and then deal with questions.

Mayor Gerwig asked if Mr. Slater would be remaining in the meeting the whole time.

Mr. Barnes stated that was correct.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss with Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.