

Agenda Item No. C - 1

VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
Agenda Item Summary

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the minutes of the Council Regular Meeting of May 16, 2024.

ISSUE: It is necessary for Village Council to approve all Village Council meeting minutes.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to Approve

Initiator	Village Manager Approval	Agenda Date	Village Council Action
Village Clerk		6/20/24	

**VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
MINUTES OF COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

Ways to Participate

- In Person: Public may participate in person at the Village Council Chambers, 1050 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411.
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Fred Pinto
Vice Mayor Jeff Hmara
Councilwoman Selena Samios
Councilwoman Jan Rodusky
Councilman Richard Valuntas

All members of the Council were present along with the Village Manager, Village Attorney (Keith Davis), Village Attorney (Mitty Barnard) and the Village Clerk.

PRESENTATION OF \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO TEN ROYAL PALM BEACH GRADUATING SENIORS: NIRVANI BALKARAN (SEMINOLE RIDGE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL); OLIVIA BIERY (SEMINOLE RIDGE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL); DYLAN R. CRAIB (ROYAL PALM BEACH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL); MADISON GARDNER (ROYAL PALM BEACH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL); SYDNEY GREENAWAY-MATTHEW (ROYAL PALM BEACH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL); ALLYSON LEPPERT (ROYAL PALM BEACH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL); RYLEE MANUEL (ROYAL PALM BEACH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL); KINLEY SEIDER (GLADES DAY SCHOOL); NEVAEH THOMPSON (ROYAL PALM BEACH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL); TYLER WINK (WELLINGTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL)

Mayor Pinto turned to Vice Mayor Hmara who welcomed the scholarship award winners and their families and friends stating the pride with which the Village of Royal Palm Beach gives these scholarships to some of the most successful students living in the Village. Vice Mayor Hmara recognized the Education Advisory Board for their diligent work throughout the selection process. Vice Mayor Hmara announced and members of the Education Advisory Board acknowledged each of the students and Mayor Pinto presented the checks on behalf of the Village Council.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF COUNCILWOMAN JAN RODUSKY FOR RECEIVING A 2024 HOME RULE HERO AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

REPORTS

Mayor Pinto reported on the Transportation Planning Agency meeting where an update was given on the TIP 5 year work plan and announced that May is Bicycle Month.

Councilwoman Samios reported on the renovations scheduled for the soccer fields, the Memorial Day Observance at Veterans Park, repairs on the lighting of the golf center at Commons Park and youth summer sports academy camps. She reported on the two-day strategic planning session and invited everyone to attend the Citizen Summit scheduled for Monday, May 20th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. She thanked CAFCI for their partnership with Cultural Diversity Day. She announced that the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue saved a 6-year old child using whole blood noting that NBC Nightly News is featuring EMS agencies carrying whole blood including Palm Beach County. Councilwoman Samios clarified with the Village Manager that the current budget now includes the addition of a membership in the National League of Cities. Councilwoman Samios stated for the record that the Village has current memberships with two other League of Cities, Palm Beach County League of Cities and Florida League of Cities and did not feel it was a good use of the funds to join a third League of Cities.

Councilman Valuntas reported on the graduation of Royal Palm Beach High School at the South Florida Fairgrounds and congratulated the Valedictorian Ashley Weyer Liranzo and Salutatorian Alexis Dunkley. He announced the Royal Palm Beach track team will compete in Jacksonville at the State meet and recognized the team members along with his son Riley Valuntas.

Vice Mayor Hmara reported on the Education Advisory Board where a summarized presentation was given by staff on actions discussed in Tallahassee which included a 2.7% budget increase in student funding in Palm Beach County with an additional 2.8 million dollars allocated to safe schools and 1.3 million dollars allocated to mental health assistance. He explained HB1285 that should the State Board of Education model for the grading scale change it will not go into effect until the following school year. He added all schools in the Village have been selected as Florida Schools of Excellence. He congratulated Adrian Barnes representing Crestwood Middle School as a 2024 Ben Carson Scholarship recipient as well as the 584 graduating seniors at Royal Palm Beach High School, Principal Michelle Fleming and the entire staff. He reported that the Class of 2024 received more than 2.2 million dollars in scholarships, 53 AICE Diplomas totaling 1.2 million dollars in Bright Future scholarships and 10 International Baccalaureate diplomas. Vice Mayor Hmara also announced that Carolyn Hmara was appointed to a 3-year term on the Palm Tran Service Board as the Senior Citizen representative for Palm Beach County.

Councilwoman Rodusky invited everyone to attend the concert/food truck event at Commons Park on Friday night featuring the Vam Band a top 40's funk band, announced the Young at Heart Senior Prom on May 22nd at the Cultural Center from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The Village Attorney reported he will attend and speak at the International Municipal Lawyer's Association in Orlando.

PETITIONS – None

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON AGENDA ITEMS OR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Erin Aktas, Palm Beach County resident (Jupiter) provided public comment on the Village's voter turnout for the March 2024 elections, costs, vote-by-mail and protocols maintained by the County's Supervisor of Elections.

Mikki Isackson, Palm Beach County resident (Boynton Beach) provided public comment concerning election integrity, the new tabulation center for the County's Supervisor of Elections, election transparency, processing details, budget and protocols maintained by the County's Supervisor of Elections.

Candance Rojas, provided public comment on matters of government and constitution issues, elections, and Covid-19. She submitted to the Village Clerk public records request for 17 individuals.

Michael Roda of 1183 Oakwater Drive thanked Councilwoman Samios for her update on the Katz soccer field renovations after expressing his concerns with the condition of the soccer fields in the past. He also questioned the process on the hotel proposed in the Madison Green neighborhood.

In response, discussion ensued regarding natural grass vs. artificial turf. The Village Manager added that the field will be re-sodded and grants for artificial turf have been applied but will be reviewed once the information is received.

Mayor Pinto addressed the question on the proposed Madison Green Hotel and assured the resident that there will be a process that will allow for public comment. The Village Manager added the applicant has the right to request a change in that Planned Unit Development, noting the first step would be to request a change in the code.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Village Clerk read into the record the Consent Agenda as follows:

- 1. Approval of the minutes of the Council Regular Meeting of April 18, 2024. (Village Clerk)**
- 2. Approval to purchase Fireworks and Pyrotechnician Services from Zambelli International Fireworks Mfg., Company Inc., for the annual**

display at the July 4th celebration being held at Royal Palm Beach Commons Park in the amount of \$50,000, with purchase being in accordance with purchasing Ordinance No. 630, Section 10-98 (d). (Director of Parks & Recreation)

- 3. Approval and authorization for the Village Manager to execute the Second Addendum to Ice Cream Vendor Services Agreement between the Village and Kool Running's, LLC to provide for the first one (1) year renewal term beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Director of Parks & Recreation)**
- 4. Approval and authorization, in accordance with established policy, to make a budget amendment for Fund 001 in the fiscal year 2023/2024 Budget. Said amendment to transfer a total of \$44,000 from Public Works Personnel Related Costs in Fund 001 to Public Works R&M/Maintenance Contracts in Fund 001. (Finance Director)**
- 5. Approval and authorization for the Village Manager to execute an Addendum to the contract with Epicurean Park, LLC, dba Nex Era Services to add additional grounds maintenance services for Crestwood Boulevard and the Village Hall Complex in the amount of \$44,000.00 for the remainder of FY2024, June-September 2024. (Director of Public Works)**
- 6. Requesting ratification of the emergency purchase for the repair of stormwater pipe on Sycamore Drive in the amount of \$126,460.00 issued to Shenandoah General Construction. Funding source is from the Stormwater Operating Fund. (Director of Public Works)**

Councilwoman Rodusky made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Vice Mayor Hmara. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Presentation of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's District 9 Annual Report by Captain Ulrich Naujoks.**

Captain Ulrich Naujoks acknowledged this is his 11th year in presenting the annual report and introduced Harry Hook, Criminal Analyst and Detective/Sergeant Eric Keith who assisted with this report as well. Before he presented the report he acknowledged and thanked his staff for their service. Captain Naujoks' 2023 Annual Report is attached.

Councilwoman Rodusky confirmed the need for additional volunteers for the COP Program and that the lobby of the PBSO building is the drop off location for unused prescription drugs. Captain Naujoks reminded everyone that no powder or syringes will be accepted.

Councilwoman Samios confirmed there is no charge for fingerprinting and clarified with Mr. Hook that under burglaries the “specialty businesses” would include vape, medical marijuana, and cell phone stores. She also asked for further explanation on the targeted crash locations and what types of accidents occur.

Discussion ensued regarding interest and engagement in neighborhood watches as well as officer related incidents. The Mayor and Council stated their appreciation and thanked him.

- 2. Public hearing to consider Application No. 23-187 (RZ), an application by Bar Education, Inc., and approval of Ordinance No. 1045 on second reading, the applicant is seeking a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning designation of one parcel totaling 0.235± acres from the Village’s Public Ownership (PO) zoning district to the Village’s Industrial General (IG) zoning district, for a property located on 6846 Seminole Palms Drive. Agent: Heather Jo Allen, Esq., of Bar Education, Inc. * (Director of P & Z)**

This was quasi-judicial and the Village Attorney (Mitty Barnard) swore in all who will speak on this item and asked for ex-parte disclosures. The Director of P & Z stated this is a second reading of the ordinance and it is to assign a zoning district designation consistent with the Future Land Use designation of the parent property. In the justification statement, the goal is to develop the property for the purpose to provide additional parking for the existing Primrose School. The Local Planning Agency and staff recommended approval.

After confirming with the Village Clerk and the Village Manager there were no public comments, Mayor Pinto closed public comment with no response

Heather Jo Allen, Esq. of Bar Education on behalf of the applicant confirmed the approval will provide additional parking for their academic institution.

Councilman Valuntas made a motion to approve; seconded by Vice Mayor Hmara. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

- 3. Public hearing to consider Application No. 24-011 (SPM), an application by Mario Lopez Pisani on behalf of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, and Resolution No. 24-05 confirming Council action. The applicant is seeking site plan modification to relocate the proposed art in public places from its previously approved location to a new designated onsite location, for a property located at 1050 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard. * (Public Arts Professional)**

This was quasi-judicial and the Village Attorney (Mitty Barnard) swore in all who will speak on this item including Beth Nybeck, artist, who was attending remotely and asked for ex-parte disclosures. The Public Arts Professional referred to the original placement of the art piece and showed the new onsite proposed location outside of the newly constructed Village Hall. He showed the

previously approved public art location and explained the need for the new location which will now to be located at the north end of the reflection pool.

After confirming with the Village Clerk and the Village Manager there were no public comments, Mayor Pinto closed public comment with no response.

Councilwoman Rodusky made a motion to approve; seconded by Vice Mayor Hmara. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

- 4. Public hearing to consider Application No. 24-016 (AAR), an application by Mario Lopez Pisani on behalf of the Village of Royal Palm Beach. The applicant is requesting Architectural & Aesthetic Review approval for the commission, purchase and installation of an 11-foot tall sculptural work titled “Rooted” by artist Beth Nybeck to fulfill the art in public places requirement for the new Village Hall, for a property located at 1050 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard. * (Public Arts Professional)**

The Village Attorney (Mitty Barnard) confirmed the applicants have been sworn in and asked for ex-parte disclosures. The Public Arts Professional introduced Beth Nybeck, the artist commissioned for the sculpture. Ms. Nybeck presented a photo rendition of the 11-foot tall sculptural work titled “Rooted” which showed a skeletal view of the sculpture. She gave examples of community engagement questions noting that within the sculpture there will be 50 spaces that will be intended for community member’s reflections. The sculpture material will be made out aluminum and will be 11’ tall and 11.5’ wide + deep. The purpose of the artwork and responses are to engage, inspire and connect to the community. She showed renderings of the sculpture lighted at night and reported on the installation noting the exterior circle measures 13’ in diameter.

Councilwoman Rodusky felt the sculpture was gorgeous and thanked the artist for her strategizing and reflecting our community.

Councilwoman Samios asked how the wording for the sculpture will be collected and reflected in the sculpture. Ms. Nybeck responded that she would come into the community at a special event, set up a table and gather words from attendees, noting that everything would be reviewed by staff for approval.

Discussion ensued regarding lighting options of the sculpture and the timeline of completion. Staff recommended approval with the condition that the artist provide engineered wind loads for the concrete anchor.

After confirming with the Village Clerk and the Village Manager there were no public comments, Mayor Pinto closed public comment with no response.

Councilwoman Rodusky made a motion to approve; seconded by Vice Mayor Hmara. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

5. **Public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 1040 on first reading, amending Village Code Section 22-3 to add a new definition for the term “Engineering Permit”; Section 22-4 to clarify the applicability of regulations; and add a new Section 22-5 Engineering Permits to provide regulations regarding the requirements and process for obtaining an Engineering Permit within the Village and at Section 2-75.29 to add an appeal process for appeal of Village Engineer decisions regarding Engineering Permits. (Director of P & Z)**

The Village Attorney (Mitty Barnard) stated this is to codify the existing process for the engineering permits.

After confirming with the Village Clerk and the Village Manager there were no public comments, Mayor Pinto closed public comment with no response.

Councilman Valuntas made a motion to approve; seconded by Vice Mayor Hmara. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fred Pinto

Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk