

Agenda Item No. C - 1

VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
Agenda Item Summary

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the minutes of the Final Public Budget Hearing of September 17, 2020 and Council Regular Meeting of September 17, 2020.

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		10/15/20	

**VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
MINUTES OF FINAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
VILLAGE MEETING HALL**

***FACE MASK MUST BE WORN INSIDE VILLAGE MEETING HALL
1050-A ROYAL PALM BEACH BOULEVARD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

All members of the Council were present along with the Village Manager and Village Clerk. The Village Attorney joined via virtual “GotoWebinar”.

Mayor Pinto reviewed the protocol to follow during this virtual meeting and instructed any resident that has joined tonight’s “GotoWebinar”, and has a question, to use the raise your hand button. The chat line will not be used or monitored. He said the Council will be taking virtual public comment for each agenda item and gave instructions. Mayor Pinto also reported the meeting can be viewed live on Comcast Channel 18 or streamed at www.royalpalmbeach.com/youtube.

Mayor Pinto opened the Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Announce that the proposed operating millage rate necessary to fund the budget is 4.97% above the rolled-back millage rate of 1.8291 mils.**

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- 2. Announce the proposed operating millage rate is 1.9200 for the General Fund.**

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- 3. Finance Director Review since First Budget Hearing.**

The Finance Director reported there were no changes in the budget since the First Budget Hearing.

- 4. Comments from the public – None**

5. **Council adoption of final millage rate of 1.9200 for the General Fund. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-19. A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Florida, adopting the final millage rate for the Village of Royal Palm Beach for the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2020 and ending on September 30, 2021; providing an effective date; and for other purposes.**

Councilman Valuntas made a motion to approve the final millage rate for fiscal year 2020-2021 the final millage rate is set at 1.9200 mils and Resolution No. 10-19 seconded by Councilwoman Rodusky. Hearing no discussion or public comment, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

6. **Adoption of final Budget for fiscal year 2020/2021. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-20. A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Florida, adopting its final budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021; providing that the budget hereby adopted may be adjusted or modified by subsequent resolution of the Village Council under certain circumstances; providing a conflicts clause and a severability clause; providing an effective date; and for other purposes.**

Vice Mayor Hmara made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget and Resolution No. 20-20; seconded by Councilman Valuntas. Hearing no discussion or public comment, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

7. **Close public hearing.**

Mayor Pinto closed the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fred Pinto

Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk

**VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
MINUTES OF COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE MEETING HALL
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE FINAL BUDGET HEARING**

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PROCLAMATION FOR HUNGER ACTION MONTH

Vice Mayor Hmara reported on the success of the food drives, thanked Feeding South Florida and encouraged everyone to make a donation.

REPORTS

Mayor Pinto reported on the Transportation Planning Agency meeting where Vice Mayor Maria Marino of Palm Beach Gardens who sits as Chair resigned to run for the District #1 County Commission seat. Mayor Pinto announced as Vice Chair he would be assuming Chairmanship effective October 1st. He wished her well. At that meeting the following items were discussed: 1) adopted rolling forward funds to FY21 TIP 5-year program noting that the City of West Palm Beach voted against it because it included the extension of State Road 7; 2) updated the public participation plan; 3) approved a Resolution for a diversion diamond interchange on Glades Road in Boca Raton; and 4) the FDOT funding for safety lighting on SR 80.

Vice Mayor Hmara reported on the Education Advisory Board meeting where Principal Armas, in his 11th year, showcased Royal Palm Beach High School and explained the choice of virtual or in classroom instruction. He gave an overview of the COVID-19 protocol that is now in place including traffic patterns, sanitation and hygiene.

Councilman Valuntas reported on construction and traffic pattern changes on State Road 80 and cautioned residents to be alert.

Councilwoman Samios thanked the first responders. She announced that Wellington Cares, who helps the 65+ community for free, intends to expand into Royal Palm Beach. She asked if anyone is interested in volunteering call 561-568-8818. She also reminded anyone that did not participate in the 2020 Census to do so by the end of September. Guardian ad litem who is an organization for the voice of the children through the court system is looking for volunteers and to apply visit their website at galpbc.org. She announced that a New Resident Packet, New Business Guide and postcards with important numbers are available on line or at the Clerk's office. She also reported that the clock at the southwest corner of Royal Palm Beach Blvd. and Okeechobee Blvd. is now working as well as new tenants moving in.

Mayor Pinto asked for an update on the use of virtual meetings going forward. The Village Attorney stated the update for the meetings will be given at the end of the month and that the general State of Emergency has been extended to November 2020.

Vice Mayor Hmara announced that the next Florida League of Cities Ethics training is virtual and scheduled for October 14, 2020.

PETITIONS – None

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS OR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - None

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 August 20, 2020 and First Public Budget Hearing of September 8, 2020. (Village Clerk)**
2. **Approval and authorization for the Village Manager to execute an addendum to extend Traffic Calming Policy Development Services provided by Simmons and White for two years. (Village Engineer)**
3. **Adoption of Resolution 20-21. A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Florida, authorizing the Village to enter into a “Local Agency Program Agreement” with the Florida Department of Transportation concerning the grant of federal funds for the construction of Pedestrian Lighting along the FPL pathway from La Mancha Avenue south to approximately 1,000 feet north of Lamstein Lane; providing authorization for the Mayor to execute the Agreement; providing an effective date; and for other purposes. (Village Engineer)**
4. **Adoption of Resolution No. 20-22. A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Florida adopting a revised Schedule of Fees and Charges; specifically repealing Resolution 20-10; providing that this Schedule of Fees and Charges shall be available for inspection at all times at the Village Hall**

during regular business hours; providing an effective date; and for other purposes. (Village Clerk)

- 5. Approval of bid award and authorization for the Village Manager to enter into contract with Horizon Air Conditioning, Inc., the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, in the amount of \$45,076.00 for Air Conditioning Monthly Maintenance and \$38,245.00 for Scheduled Air Conditioning Replacement Units. The Total FY21 contract amount is \$83,321.00. Funding for the A/C Monthly Maintenance is budgeted in FY21 Public Works Operating Budget and funding for A/C Replacement Units is budgeted in CIP 302 Fund, Project PW21AC. (Director of Public Works)**
- 6. Approval of a Special Event Permit for the Village of Royal Palm Beach to hold “Concert and Movie Night and Gourmet Truck Expos” at Royal Palm Beach Commons Park every Friday night beginning October 2, 2020 through December 18, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., alternating between concerts and movies each week. (Director of P & Z)**
- 7. Approval of a Special Event Permit for the Village of Royal Palm Beach to hold a Green Market and Bazaar at Village Hall every Saturday, beginning October 10, 2020 through April 30, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Director of P & Z)**

Councilman Valuntas pulled Items #6 and #7 for discussion.

Councilwoman Samios made a motion to approve Consent Agendas Items 1 - 5; seconded by Vice Mayor Hmara. Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

The Village Manager said the return to social gatherings was not specifically due to the decrease in COVID-19 cases but how we are learning to live with it. He said the public would still be at risk without observing CDC guidelines until a vaccine is developed. Briefly addressing Item #6 he added with the 10-acre lawn and by abiding by the County, Governor’s and Health Director’s guidelines, we feel we can hold concert and movie nights and heed CDC guidelines. He explained the attendees will be asked to congregate in groups no larger than 10, remain 10 feet apart and groups outside of families will be required to wear masks, and also wear masks in they are walking around the park. Because was anticipate a great number of people attending, it will be enforced. He added if these events become so popular and we cannot meet CDC guidelines we will regroup and do something different.

Councilman Valuntas noted that observing Veterans Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day are coming up and suggested having those events outside at either Veterans Park or Commons Park. The Village Manager reported that staff has discussed having Veterans Day event at 6:00 p.m. at Veterans Park and will have discussions with Caribbean-Americans for Community Involvement regarding MLK Day. Vice Mayor Hmara said he agreed but the Veterans Day event gave him special concern due to the age demographic of Veterans. He suggested being more creative to be safe such as a virtual observance, small

groups or a banner in the park. Councilman Valuntas agreed with observing MLK Day virtually as well. Mayor Pinto directed staff to explore those options.

Councilwoman Samios made a motion to approve Consent Agendas Items 6 and 7; seconded by Vice Mayor Hmara. Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Public hearing for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 1005, amending Chapter 17. Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions. at Section 17-13. Public Parks. in order to modify the hours of operation for public parks within the Village to be consistent with existing policies and procedures. (Parks and Recreation Director)**

The Parks and Recreation Director explained that because sunrise or sunset are not specific times, the change to specific times is for law enforcement purposes in the parks. He said the proposed public park hours are as follows:

- (1) Vivian A. Ferrin Memorial Park - Monday through Friday, from 5 P.M. to 9 P.M., and Saturday and Sunday, from 8 A.M. to 9 P.M., unless otherwise permitted by the Village. This park's hours differ from the other Village parks because of shared usage with Royal Palm Beach Elementary School.
- (2) All other public parks. Seven (7) days a week, from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. (November 1 through March 31 each year), and 7 A.M. to 9 P.M. (April 1 through October 31 each year), unless otherwise permitted by the Village.

The Village Manager further explained the 7:00 p.m. hour closing changes for the winter months.

Councilman Valuntas confirmed that the times could be amended at any time. Councilwoman Samios made a recommendation to change the opening of the parks to 6:00 a.m. for walking or jogging. The Director of Parks and Recreation noted that the restrooms would not be opened at that time.

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

Councilwoman Samios made a motion to approve and amend Section 2 to change the 7:00 a.m. reference to 6:00 a.m. all year round; seconded by Vice Mayor Hmara. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

- 2. Public hearing for first reading and approval of Ordinance No. 1006, amending Chapter 17. Offenses and miscellaneous provisions. to add a new Section 17-15. Palm Beach County Solicitation and Distribution on Public Roads Ordinance. in order for the Village to elect for said ordinance to apply to all public roads within the Village's boundaries that are open to motor vehicle traffic. (Village Manager)**

The Village Manager said this ordinance is to be consist with the Palm Beach County Ordinance, establishing regulations concerning the solicitation, distribution and sale of any merchandise, goods, property or services, and the solicitation for charitable purposes, on all public roads within the unincorporated areas of the County. The County determined that such activities endangered the health, safety and welfare of the public by causing distractions to motorists, unsafe pedestrian movement within travel lanes, sudden stoppage or slowdown of traffic, rapid lane changing or other dangerous traffic movement, increased vehicular accidents and motorist injuries and fatalities.

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 said he was not opposed to the ordinance but reminded everyone there are consequences with regard to prohibiting the Firefighters Boot Drive and youth athletic teams soliciting funds.

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

3. Appointment of two residents to the Planning and Zoning Commission. (Council Liaison)

Councilwoman Rodusky, Council Liaison made the motion to appoint Alternate #1 Adam Miller to fill the regular seat with term ending 2022; and appoint Lauren McClellan to the Alternate #1 seat with term ending in 2022 and appoint Gerald Brown to the Alternate #2 seat with term ending in 2022; seconded by Councilman Valuntas. Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Pinto gave an update on COVID-19 and encouraged all residents to continue to keep their guard up and follow CDC guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fred Pinto

Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk