

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 March 18, 2021.

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		04/15/21	

**VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
MINUTES OF COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE MEETING HALL
*FACE MASK MUST BE WORN INSIDE VILLAGE MEETING HALL
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

Ways to Participate

- In Person: Public may participate in person at the Village Meeting Hall, 1050 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411. Physical attendance will be governed by current public health directives and shall be limited to ensure adequate social distancing to provide a minimum of six feet of open space between all persons physically present.
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

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

REPORTS

Mayor Pinto reported on the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency meeting where the passing of legislative policy positions were discussed. He said initially this Council agenda had a regular item to discuss providing guidance to the Village Manager to hire an Independent Land Planning Consultant for a State Road 7 corridor study. He suggested utilizing the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) as a resource for rigorous planning and specific guidance to develop a State Road 7 Corridor Study.

The Village Manager said that the TCRPC recently reviewed retail changes and sites for the future in other cities that included public input. He recommended using the TCRPC to re-envision that corridor acknowledging that the marketplace has been changing and even more so in the last year due to the yearlong pandemic. He also noted that the Transportation Planning Agency is proposing a new transit line in the area as well and reported on the proposed routing. The Village Manager said by working with the TCRPC the cost would be covered by the existing budget and if needed a budget adjustment can be brought before Council later in the year.

Councilman Hmara stated his reasons for the support of the comprehensive report.

Councilwoman Samios verified that there will be public meetings and confirmed that because this is a time sensitive issue they could not put off discussion until the strategic planning session. She also asked for clarification on the budget.

The Village Manager responded the study comes at a cost of \$110,000 that would include meetings with stakeholders, property owners, businesses, staff and Council. It also includes a public meeting for input and a follow up findings meeting. The projected timeframe is 8 to 10 months. Mayor Pinto added there has been an incredible shift in the market place citing COVID-19 and other factors.

Vice Mayor Valuntas agreed there has been a shift of commerce as well as aging commercial centers and suggested adding Southern Boulevard and Okeechobee Boulevard to the study as well. The Village Manager responded at this time the recommendation is to focus on State Road 7 citing with the addition of the proposed transit line and more information on feasible redevelopment that is technically sound will extrapolate into other areas.

Vice Mayor Valuntas made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to do a State Road 7 Corridor Redevelopment Master Plan; seconded by Councilwoman Rodusky. Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Rodusky reported on the February 24th Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Seminar held at the Cultural Center. She said the biggest issue discussed is traffic violations and stealing from unlocked vehicles. On March 10th she and other Councilmembers attended the groundbreaking ceremony for Erica Boulevard which will connect the traffic signal between Home Depot and Lowe's.

Councilman Hmara reported on the Feeding South Florida food drive held every Wednesday at Commons Park for the past year noting it will continue through June. He announced there were 2 ½ million pounds of food distributed and thanked the many volunteers and the Parks and Recreation staff involved. Councilman Hmara reported on the Education Advisory Board meeting where Principal Stephanie Nance highlighted Crestwood Middle School along with several teachers. He explained how they are creatively teaching with 52% of the students learning online. Councilman Hmara reported on the current State legislative session, noting that Palm Beach County Days and Florida League of Cities Action Days are being conducted virtually. He reminded everyone that the Florida League of Cities continues to hold their 30 minute Monday call-ins with the lobbying staff.

Councilwoman Samios reported on a presentation by FPL – “How FPL is making Florida a leader in clean energy and sustainability”. She announced two websites for COVID-19 vaccine appointment: myvaccine.fl.gov/en/site/palmbeach and hcdpbc.org. She reported on the Young at Heart inaugural drive-thru luncheon where 200 lunches were served noting that another one is being planned and the lunches are free for anyone 50 years and older. Councilwoman Samios announced *Jumanji: Next Level* will be the movie at Commons Park this Friday with the continuations of concerts and

movies through April. She said that the Women’s Chamber of Commerce is holding a Lunch and Learn on March 30th with the topic “Ask Dr. Alina Alonso Anything”. She also congratulated Councilwoman Rodusky and Vice Mayor Valuntas on their reelection.

The Village Attorney gave an update on House Bill 1-Senate Bill 484 combating public disorder and reviewed the changes that have been made to it. He reviewed Senate Bill 62 which proposes to eliminate local planning councils noting there hasn’t been any changes and no house companion bill. He reviewed Senate Bill 50 and House Bill 883, which prohibits municipal code enforcement officers from initiating investigations if they are based on an anonymous complaint and further explained some of the changes. The Village Attorney explained that Senate Bill 522 and House Bill 219 pertains to the Vacation Rentals and has undergone significant amendments. He reviewed House Bill 55 and Senate Bill 282 – Building Design Standards. Lastly, Senate Bill 334 and House Bill 239 is the regulation of smoking in public places and continues to move forward with and all the local governments adopting regulations for smoking in parks or beaches but exempting cigar and pipe smoking.

PETITIONS – None

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

Virginia Guido of 122 Sandpiper Avenue and member of the Royal Palm Beach Writers Club along with several colleagues thanked the Council for a funding loan the first year they prepared their book, *Spectrum*, an Anthology of local writers’ work. She reported the club repaid the loan after the first year, and the current year’s edition has funded the book’s annual publishing ever since. The club members presented Council with their newly published “*Spectrum*” as a thank you as well as other books written by members of the Writers Club along with a poem “*If I Could Say*” written by Richard Paul Angelini. Councilwoman Rodusky asked Mr. Angelini to read the poem into the record.

Mayor Pinto confirmed there were no other public comments.

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 February 18, 2021. (Village Clerk)**
- 2. Fiscal Year 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). (Finance Director)**
- 3. Approval and authorization, in accordance with established policy, to make a budget amendment for Fund 101 in the fiscal year 2020/2021 Budget. Said amendment to transfer a total of \$225,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance (3990100) to FPL Pathway Lighting (EN1901). (Finance Director)**

4. **Approval of the bid award in the amount of \$1,299,597.49 and authorization for the Village Manager to execute a contract with the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the FPL Pathway Lighting (EN1901) project to Ferreira Construction Southern Division Co., Inc. (Village Engineer)**
5. **Approval and authorization for Mayor to grant a time extension request for TPA audited Financial Statements. (Village Manager)**

Councilwoman Rodusky pulled Consent Agenda Item No. 2 for review.

Councilman Hmara made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda less Item No. 2; seconded by Vice Mayor Valuntas. Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

Mark Veil, a Principal from the audit firm of Caler, Donten, Levine, Drucker, Porter & Veil, P.A. presented the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. He referred to page one and reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report. He focused on the General Fund because it is the primary fund that is used for the operations of the Village. Mr. Veil referred to page 14 and review the assets, and cash investments. The balance for the General Fund is \$78,873,830, which would cover current expenses for the next three years if needed. On page 16 the Revenue and Expenditures was reviewed noting a decrease in revenues in the Intergovernmental revenue, charges for services and investment earnings categories. It shows the expenditures exceeded the revenues by \$350,000. Mr. Veil referred to page 33 – Note B – Cash and Investments and reported that it is a similar portfolio as in the past with no significant changes. On page 54, he explained the Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the General Fund. Lastly, he reviewed the Compliance Reports and the Management Letter noting certain required items but nothing significant with regard to issues or recommendations. He stated that the Independent Accountant's Report on Investment Compliance meets all State requirements.

Councilwoman Rodusky made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Item No. 2; seconded by Councilman 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. 1012, amending Chapter 2. Administration. of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Royal Palm Beach at Article V. Code Enforcement. at Section 2-111. Schedule of Violations and Penalties. to update Exhibit A and reference thereto; providing that each and every other section and sub-section of Chapter 2. Administration. shall remain in full force and effect as previously adopted; providing a conflicts clause, a severability clause and authority to codify; providing an effective date; and for other purposes. (Village Manager)**

Mayor Pinto noted it was second reading.

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

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

Anthony (Tony) Tozzi, Battalion Chief, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue introduced himself as the new Chief for the Royal Palm Beach area. He said he has served for 28 years with Palm Beach County and 37 years in fire service.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fred Pinto

Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk