

Agenda Item No. C - 1

VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
Agenda Item Summary

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the minutes of the Council Budget Workshop of July 7, 2021 and Council Regular Meeting of July 15, 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		08/19/21	

**VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
MINUTES OF COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
VILLAGE MEETING HALL
*NON-VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR FACE MASK WHEN
IN VILLAGE MEETING HALL
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

Ways to Participate

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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 Council were present along with the Village Manager and the Village Clerk.

Mayor Pinto called for a moment of silence in recognition of the Surfside tragedy.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Budget Message by Village Manager

The Village Manager submitted the proposed Annual 2022 budget noting between the shortfalls from last year as well as the cost saving measures that were taken during the pandemic the 2022 budget would not be using any reserves. The Village Manager stated that at the request of Council at the Strategic Planning Session, Rena Blades of Delos Consulting would be presenting Planning Ideas for Art in Public Places and Arts Programming as well as the Finance Director and Village Engineer.

2. Budget Overview by Finance Director

The Finance Director gave a summary of the 2021-2022 budget showing the total budget of \$63,854,136 with 43% for General Operating, 42% Capital Projects, 13% for reserves and 2% stormwater utility. He stated the budget highlights are as follows: property values up again and projected this year at 4.2%, the tax rate of 1.92 has been maintained and the positions lost to COVID-19 are being re-budgeted. All Strategic Plan Initiatives have been incorporated into the budget.

He gave the Ad Valorem Tax overview which shows the Village's property values, including new construction, have increased 4.2% as follows: Prior year value – \$3.221 billion; current year value – \$3.358 billion with an increase of \$137

million. The Finance Director stated the budget is proposing to maintain the operating millage rate at \$1.92 mils per thousand.

He showed the impact of the total proposed millage rate of \$1.9200 on homes valued from \$156,000.00-\$204.00, \$219,000.00-\$324.00 and \$283,000.00-\$447.00 all-encompassing the homestead exemption.

The General Fund Revenue Summary is \$27,244,160 with property taxes generating 23%, other taxes and fees 21% which totals 44% of the revenue stream. Licenses and permits are 15%, intergovernmental revenues at 17%, charges for services 1%, fines 1%, miscellaneous revenues 4%, and current year fund balance at 18%. The expenditure summary is \$27,244,160 with personal services at 42%, contractual services 37% which is comprised of mainly the PBSO, other charges and services 14%, commodities at 3%; and other operating expenses, department capital outlay and grants and aids are less than 1%. Transfers out are at 4%. The expenditure summary shows merit adjustments are programmed at an average of 3.5% for all employees. A cost of living adjustment of 1.5% is included based on the 12 month running average from May 2020 – April 2021. Medical insurance cost premiums are based on market projections.

The expenditure summary shows the following position additions are as follows: Planning & Zoning – Senior Planner; Parks and Recreation – Recreation Division – F/T Program Coordinator, P/T Public Information Specialist, two P/T Program Coordinators and two P/T Facility Attendants – Parks and Recreation – Cultural Center Division – two P/T Facility Attendants (Sporting Center) and two P/T Facility Attendants (Cultural Center).

The Finance Director stated that the Stormwater Utility Fund Revenue Summary is \$1,312,854 which is funded 78% by the stormwater utility fees and 22% Fund Balance. The expenditure summary is \$1,312,854 which is 45% for personal services, contractual services less than 1%, other charges and other charges and services 36%, commodities 3%, other operational expenses less than 1%, reserves 8% and transfers 8%.

The Finance Director reviewed the Capital Improvements Funds – CIP at \$35,297,123. The Recreational Facilities Fund is 4%; Beautification Fund is less than 1%; Impact Fee Fund 17%; Sales Surtax 46%; General Capital Improvements Fund 10%, Utility less than 1% and Reserves 23%.

The Village Manager reported as a follow-up to the strategic plan session where direction was given to have a presentation on implementing Arts in the Community. He introduced Rena Blades, President of Delos Consulting who reviewed some projects included in the arts plan for the Village. Ms. Blades was also available for questions on her previously provided assessment and recommended that the Arts Plan could be created and carried out by hiring a person with a background and experience in Art In Public Places. A discussion ensued with regard to using public funding to augment recreation and arts. It was noted by adding high quality art in the community it will enhance the economy, intrigue and interest the citizens as well as beautify it. Discussion was held on the placement of art pieces around buildings vs. architectural details on the buildings. Again, Ms. Blades recommended adding a staff member with this expertise to be interactive and educate the public about the arts. Mayor Pinto added he would like to invite artists interesting in

contributing to the wall art displayed at the Cultural Center as well as organizing art exhibits within the venue.

The Village Manager reported that there is currently \$462,000 budgeted in the 2022 budget and he too supported hiring an expert in that field to manage the art plan.

It was the consensus of the Council to approve in the 2022 Budget - \$45,000 in the Fund Balance to hire a part time staff member to manage the art plan.

3. Department Directors Present Operating Budgets

General Fund

1. Village Council

The Village Manager referred to page 32 noting it is a status quo budget. He also reported that Principal Armas has asked the Village to collaborate with Royal Palm Beach High School for the use of the Cultural Center to celebrate their 25th Anniversary in March 2022 and asked for direction on either adding \$1,000 to the budget or requiring them to apply for a grant. Mayor Pinto recommended and received consensus to having it presented at a future Council meeting as a grant. Councilman Hmara asked for consideration to participate in the National League of Cities reporting the annual dues are \$4,002.00. A discussion ensued and it was the consensus to have a membership representative from the National League of Cities appear at a future Council meeting to report on the benefits of membership.

2. Village Manager

The Village Manager referred to page 33 and noted the elimination of a part time Intern and the addition of a part time Public Art Coordinator. He explained the increases in the Professional Services, Election Expenses, Printing and Binding and Promotional Activities line items.

3. Legal

The Village Manager stated it was increased to reflect the amount of charges that are being charged to developers.

4. Police

The Village Manager reported that the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office had a 2% increase.

5. Human Resources

The Human Resources referred to page 39 noting increase costs in medical and physicals due to rehiring of the positions and expansions. She reported on increases in hurricane supplies as well as emergency Covid-19 supplies. The Training and Travel line item has increased and the health cost increases are projected to be approximately 1 – 2 %. Vice Mayor Valuntas reported that Juneteenth (June 19th) has become a new federal holiday and discussion ensued with the Village Manager on the cost associated with observing it. It was the consensus of Council to add the federal holiday Juneteenth to the budget.

6. Planning & Zoning

The Director of Planning & Zoning referred to pages 40 – 41. He said it is a status quo budget with the exception of the addition of a \$40,000 increase in Contractual Services and the addition of a Senior Planner.

7. Finance

The Finance Director referred to page 45. He reported a 10% increase directly related to adding to contractual services a comprehensive five-year revenue and expenditure analysis. The remaining budget remains the same.

8. Non-departmental

The Finance Director referred to page 79 and reported an increase of 2.2%.

9. Information Systems

The Director of Information Systems referred to page 50 reporting an overall increase of 6.8% for Contractual Services that includes maintenance support, licenses for hardware and software support and upgrades to the network infrastructure. She said the budget also includes cyber security. The Village Manager said because of the Strategic Planning Session, a Business/Technology/Communication/Optimization Study was added to the budget and explained the \$70,000 line item. At the request of Councilwoman Samios, the Director of Information Systems further explained the integration between the departments.

10. Community Development

The Director of Community Development referred to pages 57 – 60 noting a reduced staff level in the Code Enforcement Division. He reported that the remainder of the budget regarding expenses to revenues is even. Councilwoman Samios confirmed at this time there is a good level of staffing for code enforcement. The Director responded if at any time additional staff were needed it would be brought to the Village Manager's attention immediately. The Director responded to questions regarding the foreclosure rate reporting it stands at about 13,000 now but was apprehensive about the future.

11. Engineering

The Village Engineer referred to page 65 reporting that staffing levels have been maintained and the only additional money is in Professional Services.

12. Public Works

The Director of Public Works referred to page 70 noting an 8.6% increase in line items Other Charges and Services, Commodities and Personal Services. Councilwoman Samios confirmed there are no beepers but it is a code for on-call personnel. She asked about providing a bus stop at Okeechobee and State Road 7 on the south side of the road. He reported on the numbers of riders from Palm Tran noting that it does not qualify for a bus shelter but a bench could be installed and explained other options that are available. The Village Manager confirmed there is sufficient right of way space to place a bench as well as other options but not room for a full shelter.

Utility Fund

1. Stormwater Utility

The Director of Public Works referred to page 87 noting a reduction of 6.7% attributed to personal services with a slight increase in maintenance contract due to aquatic weed removal. The Village Manager reported the current aquatic weed contractor is expiring this year and is in the process of being rebid.

13. Parks & Recreation

The Director of Parks & Recreation referred to pages 71 – 77 noting an 8.75% increase of positions being added back as needed as the department returns to pre-pandemic

conditions. He referred to Page 73 - Chemicals 52-21 that shows a reduction due to Seminole Palms and Katz Fields being contracted out. The Director referred to page 75 - Recreation Division and Cultural Division on page 77 noting this budget year will be back to normal. The Village Manager reported that a new part time Public Information Specialist has been added that will be taking pictures and creating archives to all the events. Councilwoman Samios referred to the increase in 52-23 and confirmed there will be a full summer camp in 2022. She confirmed that 52-26 - Senior Programs and Supplies will include monthly luncheons but no bus trips. If a bus trip is added there will be a fee paid by the patrons. Councilwoman Samios confirmed the salary increase is due to bringing back the positions as needed that were eliminated during the pandemic.

4. Capital Budget

The Village Engineer presented the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program summary and gave an overview of the six different funds totaling \$35,297,123 in Revenues and \$27,220,525 in Expenditures. The Recreation Facilities Fund 101 expenditures are associated with the acquisition, improvement, expansion or implementation of parks and recreational facilities. Included in the plan is the FPL Pathway Lighting and RPB Commons Parking Lot Expansion. The Community Beautification Fund 102 is expenditures associated with enhancing the aesthetic landscape and visual perception of the Village that includes Okeechobee Blvd. West Landscape Improvements and Royal Pine Estates Entry Sign Improvements. The Impact Fee Fund 301 expenditures associated with the acquisition, improvement, expansion or implementation of facilities related to new development includes the Village Hall and Site Modifications. The Village Engineer reviewed the project timeline and noted an additional \$7 million in project EN2104. He reported on the Heron and Bobwhite Pedestrian and Bike Pathway creating a 5' walkway immediately adjacent to the existing curb to minimize impacts to the residents. Councilwoman Samios and Councilman Hmara both confirmed the residents would be notified of the impacts of this project. The Village Manager further explained the process. Councilwoman Samios also confirmed there would be a minimum impact in the removal of trees with the off-street pathway. The Village Engineer reported on the Crestwood North Park project that will include a multi-purpose field, pavilion, volleyball, tennis courts, basketball courts, docks and pathways. He added there is a \$400,000 grant for the Crestwood North Park project. Two 72' Corporate Picnic Pavilions in Commons Park will be constructed to match the architecture of the Amphitheatre. Repurposing and adding four pickleball courts will be done as well and summarized the remainder of the projects. He reviewed the Local Discretionary Sales Surtax 302 Fund expenditures associated with the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of public facilities that have a life expectancy of five or more years. The 302 Fund includes the Village Meeting Hall Renovations and Renovation and Expansion to the Recreation Center that will include a needs assessment. He reviewed the Bridge Slope Stabilization, which is a year-to-year project. The Village Manager further explained the federal inspection program for the bridges. The Village Engineer reported on the road re-surfacing program. He showed a summary of the remaining projects in the 302 Fund. Councilwoman Samios confirmed that project EN2103 the LaMancha Avenue Extension will remain in the budget since the grant was denied. She also asked for consideration to reexamine the Madrid Street Extension opening. The Village Manager reported on the consultant study on the connection noting that if it was open as a right in and right out only it would add 4,500 cars to that movement and if opened at full access it would add approximately 9,000 cars to the roads. A discussion

ensued with regard to the expansion and funding of the 4-lanes to State Road 7 and the timeline. It was determined it was premature to consider at this time. The Village Engineer reviewed the expenditures in the General Capital Improvements Fund 303 where the expenditures are associated with general capital improvements and includes two Passenger Trams/Tugs for Commons Park, resurfacing of six tennis courts, accessible playground equipment at Robiner Park, expansion of the disc golf course at Commons Park, additional playground fencing in Commons Park, three shade structures located at Robiner Park, Preservation Park and Homeplace Park, resurfacing skate park at Recreation Center, automated bike rental system at Commons Park, playscape replacement at Veterans Park, four shade cover replacements at Katz Soccer Complex, resurfacing of two basketball courts at Camellia Park, automated kayak dispenser at Commons Park and street light fixture replacement to LED. He also pointed out the summary of the remaining items in the fund. The Village Engineer reported that the Stormwater Utility Capital Fund 408 where the expenditures are associated with capital improvements for stormwater infrastructure includes the Camellia Park Drainage Improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fred Pinto

Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk

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

Mayor Pinto called for a moment of silence in recognition of the Surfside tragedy.

The Mayor and Council recognized and congratulated the winning Royal Palm Beach Girls Softball teams. Amy D'Archangelo, Royal Palm Beach Softball Commissioner and Manager of the 8U Team announced that the 8U team won first place in the 2021 Babe Ruth State Tournament in Lake City. She added that the 12U team also won first place in the tournament and the 10U team made the semi-finals. She also announced there are two All Star Teams that will be participating in the World Series.

REPORTS

Mayor Pinto reported on the Transportation Planning Agency meeting where a presentation was given on the new legislation that intends to make bicycling in the State of Florida safer. He also said that when applying for a driver's license, testing would now include 25 additional questions about bicycle safety.

Councilman Hmara reported that a second meeting of the FLC Legislative Policy meeting will be held to select the top legislative priorities and a vote for final approval of the priorities will be held at the FLC Conference in Orlando, August 12 – 14th. Councilman Hmara reported on the announcement of the resignation of Palm Beach County Superintendent Donald Fennoy, how the school board intends to fill the vacancy and whether or not they will appoint an interim. He

announced that Feeding South Florida will continue on Wednesday mornings at Commons Park and again asked for volunteers.

Vice Mayor Valuntas reminded everyone that school starts August 10th.

Councilwoman Samios thanked staff for the Star Spangled Spectacular event. She also thanked the Building and Planning & Zoning departments for their efficient processing of new business owners. She reported that the Budget Workshop was held last week and the two public hearings to approve the budget will be on Wednesday, September 8th and Thursday, September 23rd. The Citizen Summit will be held on Monday, August 30th from 6 – 8 at the Cultural Center, please RSVP to 561-790-5103. Councilwoman Samios also invited everyone to the Concerts in the Park every Friday night through July.

Keith Davis reported on the recent updated legislative memo noting some current codes will need to be changed. He also reported that he and Village Attorney Mitty Barnard had recently attended the Florida Municipal Attorneys Association seminar.

PETITIONS – None

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

Elizabeth Dashiell, Co-Producer of the Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival spoke on Consent Agenda Item No. 7. She said that the Palm Beach Shakespeare by the Sea has been operating for 31 years and is a full-scale professional production of Shakespeare’s work. She invited everyone to Shakespeare by the Palms at Royal Palm Beach Commons Park in August noting that Seth Trucks will be the Director of the play. He will be providing live music as well as musicians on stage. The play will be eight nights, August 19 – 22 and August 26 – 29 with no admission charge.

Councilwoman Samios confirmed the event would be held rain or shine. Councilwoman Rodusky complimented Elizabeth with the past productions and said the residents are excited for the play.

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 June 17, 2021. (Village Clerk)**
- 2. Approval and authorization for the Mayor to execute a Second Addendum to Traffic Control Jurisdiction Agreement between Shoma at Royal Palm Condo Association and the Village of Royal Palm Beach. (Village Engineer)**
- 3. Approval and authorization, in accordance with established policy, to make a budget amendment for Fund 303 in the fiscal year 2020/2021 Budget. Said amendment to transfer a total of \$8,000**

from Bike Trail Aggregate (PR2108) to Homeplace-Gazebo (PR2112). (Director of Finance)

- 4. Approval and authorization to issue the Royal Palm Beach High School a grant equal to the rental cost for the use of the Cultural Center's Grand Ballroom 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2022 to hold a banquet in commemoration of the School's 25th Anniversary. (Director of Parks & Recreation)**
- 5. Tentative adoption of the proposed millage rate of 1.9200 and approval of scheduled public hearings on September 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. and September 23, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Meeting Hall. (Director of Finance)**
- 6. Approval and authorization for the Mayor to execute the Sixth Addendum to the Law Enforcement Service Agreement by and between the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and the Village of Royal Palm Beach. (Village Manager)**
- 7. Approval of a Special Event Permit for Village of Royal Palm Beach to conduct a Shakespeare Festival at Royal Palm Beach Commons Park on Thursday, August 19, 2021 through Sunday, August 22, 2021 and Thursday, August 26, 2021 through August 29, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Director of P & Z)**
- 8. Adoption of Resolution No. 21-12. 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 21-07; 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)**
- 9. Request to waive the \$125 damage fee and \$25/hourly rental rate by Boy Scout Troop 111 at the Cultural Center. (Village Manager)**

Councilman Hmara pulled Item No. 4 and 9 for discussion. Councilwoman Rodusky pulled Item No. 5 for discussion.

Vice Mayor Valuntas made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda less Items No. 4, 5 and 9; seconded by Councilwoman Rodusky. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

Councilman Hmara spoke on Consent Agenda Item No. 4 and asked the Principal to comment. Principal Jesus Armas of Royal Palm Beach High School said a committee has been formed to help celebrate the schools 25th anniversary. He reported on events that will be held throughout the school year that includes a new 25th Anniversary Logo, October 22nd scheduled as Homecoming Night and a Facebook page that has been created with a membership of 2,300 members to date. He respectfully asked for the Council's approval to hold the 25th anniversary banquet on March 12, 2022 at the

Cultural Center. Councilwoman Samios stated for the record that there are grants available for schools to use for this purpose.

Councilman Hmara made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Item No. 4; seconded by Councilwoman Samios. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Rodusky spoke on Consent Agenda Item No. 5. She referred to Budget Workshop meeting, asked to discuss the Local Discretionary Sales Surtax Fund 302 and if this is the appropriate forum to discuss. The Village Manager clarified that additions, deletions to that fund will not affect the millage rate but will affect and change the Capitol Budget and documents for the Budget Hearings in September. A discussion ensued on how to move forward with further discussion on the Madrid Street opening to State Road 7 as a right in and right out only. It was the consensus of Council to add as a Regular Agenda Item to the Council Regular Meeting of August 19, 2021.

Councilwoman Rodusky made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item No. 5; seconded Councilwoman Samios. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

Councilman Hmara recused himself from Consent Agenda Item 9 due to his wife being on the CAFCI Board, presented Form 8B to the Clerk for the record, and left the dais.

The Village Manager spoke about Agenda Item No. 9. He said a request was received from Boy Scout Troop 111 to waive the \$125 damage fee and \$25/hourly rental rate for 2 hours, once a month. He added that Troop 111 does rent another room and have paid the damage/deposit fee for that room. The Village Manager said during the Boy Scout meeting, the parents would like to reserve and utilize one of the adjacent rooms for a meeting free of charge. He made a recommendation allowing the parents of Troop 111 to use an adjacent meeting room at the Cultural Center during the Boy Scout monthly meeting, but not to reserve the room without payment. A discussion ensued with regard to providing a service to the Village, organizations such as the VFW and the granting of a room. Vice Mayor Valuntas recommended making it a condition that they must participate in Village events such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day and that the room not be exclusive to the troop if there is a need to rent the room to someone else. The Village Manager added that the rental agreement could be modified to add these conditions.

Lorianne Cabrera, Committee Chair for Troop 111 asked to review the conditions with all the parents of Troop 111 and report back. The Director of Parks & Recreation Director added that Tuesdays nights are slow and the rooms are normally open and did not feel it would be an issue.

Vice Mayor Valuntas made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item No. 9 with the conditions: 1) Troop 111 must have one room rented one night per month; 2) subject to Troop 111 participation in the Memorial Day and Veterans Day Observances and; 3) if there is a paying customer for the additional room it would not be available to the Troop; seconded by Councilwoman Samios. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Pinto put the motion to a vote and it passed 4 - 0.

The Village Manager asked the applicant once approved by the parents to report back to the Director of Parks and Recreation in order to create an agreement.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Public hearing for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 1015 and approval of Application No. 20-112 (RZ), an application by Jess R. Santamaria, Nagala Family Ltd Partnership LLLP, Rup K. Nagala and Roy N. Kishore. The applicant is seeking the rezoning of four (4) parcels of land totaling approximately 12.28 acres of land from the Village's General Commercial (CG) zoning designation to the Village's RM-9 Multifamily Residential zoning designation, located approximately 850 feet north of Okeechobee Boulevard and approximately 500 feet west of Royal Palm Beach Boulevard. Agent: Edwin Muller of WGI, 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 P & Z Director stated the applicant is requesting Rezoning of four parcels of land totaling approximately 12.28 acres from the General Commercial (CG) zoning designation to the RM-9 Multifamily Residential zoning designation. This site is currently vacant land. The applicant has indicated in their justification statement that the ultimate goal is to develop the property for 100 townhouse dwelling units with a proposed density of 8.14 units per acre. Staff considered compatibility with adjacent land uses, consistency with the Village's Comprehensive Plan and conformance with the RM-9 Multifamily Residential Development Standards. 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.

Vice Mayor Valuntas made a motion to approve; seconded by Councilman 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. 1019 and Application 21-09 (Zoning Text), an application by Nelson Posada, regarding a Zoning Text Amendment to Chapter 26 of the Village's Zoning Code to add a definition for the term birthing center and allow "Birthing Center" as a Special Exception use in the Office Commercial (CO) zoning district. Agent: Nelson Posada. * (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 P & Z Director stated the applicant is proposing an amendment to the zoning code to add "birthing center" as a special exception use in the Office Commercial (CO) zoning district. He read the definition of "birthing center" into the record. 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.

Councilwoman Samios confirmed with the applicant that labor would not be induced in the birthing center and a contract is in place with Palms West Hospital in the event of complications. Councilman Hmara asked if there is a certification required for a birthing center. Mr. Posada responded all medical doctors at the facility are licensed and contracted through state agencies and the facility is classified as a medical center. The P & Z Director in response to a question from Councilman Hmara regarding this definition explained this was created for the Village and there were no other models from other cities to follow. He added the Village wanted to regulate these types of businesses and excludes hospitals and extended stays. The Village Attorney Mitty Barnard further defined birthing center explaining the definition makes it very clear about what could be done there or not. Councilwoman Rodusky asked if there are any other birthing center in Palm Beach County. Mr. Podesa responded no.

Councilwoman Samios 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. Public hearing to consider Application No. 21-29 (AAR), the applicant is seeking Architectural Approval for the Village Royale Bridge on Tuttle Boulevard over the C-51 canal located south of Southern Boulevard approximately 3,500 feet east of State Road 7. Agent: Yoan Machado of WGI, 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 P & Z Director stated the applicant is requesting Architectural Approval for the Village Royale Bridge on Tuttle Boulevard over the C-51 Canal. The bridge is located south of Southern Boulevard and approximately 3,500 feet east of State Road 7. The applicant is proposing carriage style light fixtures both pier mounted and pole mounted. All walls and columns will be Class Five Finish in Sherwin Williams Marshmallow SW7001. An ornamental aluminum railing with bronze finish will also be included and lay atop of the walls along with tiles on certain areas of the walls. He showed the decorative brick pavers that emulate palm fronds with a dark and light green color. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. Staff recommended approval with a Condition of Approval to require the applicant to obtain a South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) permit modification in order to make the SFWMD's approved plans consistent with the Village's approved plans. In the event the SFWMD denies the permit modification reflecting the proposed changes, the applicant shall apply for modification of Engineering Permit 17-37 to ensure consistency with SFWMD's approved plans.

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 asked the differences between this plan vs. the previously approved one. The Village Manager responded there were not many differences except as it relates to the side of the bridge where there will be no stucco just paint, the red clay pavers will be changed, the lighting is slightly

different and there will be improved photo-metrics. He did note that the original plan was a concept but never officially approved and that this bridge does not qualify for art in public places.

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

Vice Mayor Valuntas referred to the earlier discussion and the consensus to add the Madrid Street exit to the next agenda and suggested considering changing the meeting venue to the Cultural Center to allow for social distancing.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fred Pinto

Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk