

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
AUGUST 20, 2020**

Present: Susan Bickel, Mayor
Mark Mullinix, Vice Mayor
Darryl C. Aubrey, Sc.D., Councilmember
Deborah Searcy, Councilmember
Len Rubin, Village Attorney
Andrew D. Lukasik, Village Manager
Jessica Green, MMC, Village Clerk

Absent: David B. Norris, President Pro Tem

ROLL CALL

Mayor Bickel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. All members of Council were present except, President Pro Tem Norris. All members of staff were present.

RESOLUTION 2020-50 – AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

A motion was made by Councilmember Searcy and seconded by Councilmember Aubrey to adopt Resolution 2020-50 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Lukasik explained the reason for the Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Palm Beach County and introduced Carlos Serrano, Director of Strategic Planning and Operations with the Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability. Mr. Lukasik recommended continuing participation in the Urban County Program since it would provide grant funding opportunities for the Village if needed in the future.

Mayor Bickel read into the record a public comment received from Terri Kensington. In her comment Ms. Kensington stated that she was opposed to low-end housing in the Village.

Donald Solodar, 100 Lakeshore Drive, Apartment L-10 expressed his concerns regarding the proposed Amendment. Mr. Solodar stated that he was concerned that the item did not come before the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Aubrey asked if the Agreement would require the Village to use the grant funds or do anything that the Village or Council did not wish to do.

Mr. Serrano stated that the Agreement would not compel the Council or Village to use the grant funds or do anything that was against their wishes.

Vice Mayor Mullinix expressed and discussed his concerns with the Interlocal Agreement.

Discussion ensued between Council, staff and Mr. Serrano regarding the purpose of and implications of the Interlocal Agreement.

Mayor Bickel asked why the Interlocal Agreement was due by August 25th.

Mr. Serrano stated that the initial deadline imposed by HUD to enter into the Agreement was July 24th but because of the issues posed by the COVID-19 pandemic the deadline was extended to August 25th.

Thereafter, the motion to adopt Resolution 2020-50 passed 3 to 1 with Mayor Bickel, Councilmember Aubrey and Councilmember Searcy voting aye and Vice Mayor Mullinix voting nay.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.



Jessica Green, MMC, Village Clerk