

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
MAY 13, 2021**

Present:

Darryl C. Aubrey, Sc.D., Mayor
Deborah Searcy, Vice Mayor
Mark Mullinix, President Pro Tem
David B. Norris, Councilmember
Susan Bickel, Councilmember
Andrew D. Lukasik, Village Manager
Len Rubin, Village Attorney
Jessica Green, Village Clerk

ROLL CALL

Mayor Aubrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All members of Council were present. All members of staff were present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Aubrey gave the invocation and Vice Mayor Searcy led the public in the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Session held April 22, 2021 were approved as written.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Judy Pierman, 560 Greenway Drive, thanked Council for serving the community and informed them that two former Councilmembers, Harriet Nolan and The Honorable Walter N. Colbath, Jr. had recently passed away. Mrs. Pierman announced the date, time and location of Mr. Colbath's Memorial Service.

INTERVIEWS OF ADVISORY BOARD APPLICANTS

The following persons were interviewed by the Village Council:

George Alger	Marshall Gillespie	Nathan Kennedy	Chip Sebree
Nina Balgar	Linda Grant	Mark Michels	Leanne Schmitt
Monique Belanger	Stephen Heiman	Hollis Mighdoll	Robert Silvani
Jacques Bories	Catherine Hennessey	Kim Pasqualini	Elizabeth Smiley
Rita Budnyk	Scott Hicks	Tom Price	Carol Wood
Sandra Felis	David Hoecker	Amber Privett	
Veronica Frehm	Adam Jones	Orlando Puyol	

RESOLUTION 2021-36 – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO VILLAGE BOARDS

By written ballots, the originals of which are attached to the minutes of record, the Council appointed members to Village boards, as follows:

Audit Committee: Ed Katz, Don Kazimir and Marie Silvani.

Business Advisory Board: Nina Balgar, Veronica Frehm, Marshall Gillespie, Adam Jones, Nathan Kennedy, Ronald Lantz and David Talley.

Environmental Committee: Ellen Allen, Camille Carroll, Lisa Interlandi, Karen Marcus, Mary Phillips, Shawn Woods, and Kendra Zellner.

Golf Advisory Board: Jeff Egizio, Sandra Felis, Steve Mathison, Richard Pizzolato, Orlando Puyol, Landon Wells and Curtis Witters.

Library Advisory Board: Brad Avakian, Tina Chippas, Christine Delguzzi, Bonnie Jenkins, Carolyn Kost, Leslie Metz and Phyllis Wissner.

Planning Commission: Cory Cross, Kathryn DeWitt, Jonathan Haigh, Scott Hicks, Tom Hogarth, Nathan Kennedy and Donald Solodar.

Recreation Advisory Board: Paul Beach, Bob Bell, Rita Budnyk, Maria Cassidy, Donald Grill, Stephen Heiman and Mia St. John.

Waterways Board: George Alger, Mark Michels and Ed Preti.

The Council reappointed members to Village Boards as follows:

General Employees Retirement Board: Alan Kral and Jim Peterson.

Infrastructure Surtax Oversight Committee: Cathy Graham, Karen Marcus, Mary Phillips, Beverly Robinson and Patty Sullivan.

Thereafter, the names of those appointed and reappointed were entered into Resolution 2021-36.

A motion was made by President Pro Tem Mullinix and seconded by Councilmember Bickel to adopt Resolution 2021-36 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD, ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE, GOLF ADVISORY BOARD, INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD, GENERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BOARD, PLANNING COMMISSION, RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD, WATERWAYS BOARD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Thereafter, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-36 passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

There were no ex-parte communications declared for the next two items.

MOTION - DIMENSIONAL EXCEPTION APPLICATION FOR 708 LIGHTHOUSE DRIVE

Community Development Director Jeremy Hubsch explained and described the applicant's recreational vehicle location, its dimensions and the dimensions of the property. Mr. Hubsch showed pictures of the recreational vehicle, its screening and its location. Mr. Hubsch stated that staff was recommending approval of the dimensional exception request with the condition that if any trees or shrubs on the subject property that are currently providing screening are removed, the applicant must replace them on their property or the neighboring property within six months of their removal.

Mayor Aubrey opened the public hearing on the Dimensional Exception Application for 708 Lighthouse Drive.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Aubrey closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Norris and seconded by Councilmember Bickel to approve the Dimensional Exception Application for 708 Lighthouse Drive subject to the condition recommended by staff.

Thereafter, the motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION - DIMENSIONAL EXCEPTION APPLICATION FOR 837 DOGWOOD ROAD

Mr. Hubsch explained and described the applicant's recreational vehicle location, its dimensions and the dimensions of the property. Mr. Hubsch showed pictures of the recreational vehicle, its screening and its location. Mr. Hubsch stated that staff was recommending approval of the dimensional exception request with the condition that the applicant plants shrubs or trees with a minimum of 4 feet along the west property line that must be grown to screen the RV at 90 percent opacity within 2 years. The applicant must replace the chain-link gate with a suitable, properly anchored opaque material through review and inspection of a building permit and if any trees or shrubs on the subject property that are currently provide screening are removed, the applicant must replace them on their property or the neighboring property within six months of their removal.

Mayor Aubrey opened the public hearing on the Dimensional Exception Application for 837 Dogwood Road.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Aubrey closed the public hearing.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the conditions and time frame necessary for the applicant to bring the property into compliance.

A motion was made by President Pro Tem Mullinix and seconded by Councilmember Bickel to approve the Dimensional Exception Application for 837 Dogwood Road subject to the condition recommended by staff with the additional requirement that the chain-link gate be replaced and the trellises that are attached to the fence be removed within 6 months.

Thereafter, the motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

Councilmember Norris moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Bickel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The following items were approved:

Resolution approving the purchase of a Whirl-a-Round for the Anchorage Park playground from Playmore West, Inc. d/b/a Playmore Recreational Products & Services at a total cost of \$9,468.35.

Resolution approving a blanket purchase order for the Public Works Department with GT Supplies, Inc. in the amount of \$30,000 for dumpsters and dumpster repairs and garbage truck parts and repairs.

Receive for file minutes of the General Employees Pension Board meeting held 2/2/21.

Receive for file minutes of the Golf Advisory Board meeting held 3/15/21.

Receive for file minutes of the Environmental Committee meeting held 4/5/21.

Receive for file minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held 4/6/21.

Receive for file minutes of the General Employees Pension Board special meeting held 4/12/21.

Receive for file minutes of the Recreation Advisory Board meeting held 4/13/21.

RESOLUTION 2021-39 – AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Councilmember Bickel and seconded by President Pro Mullinix to adopt Resolution 2021-39 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE ADOPTED AS PART OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET TO REMOVE THE COLLECTION OF CREDIT CARD FEES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Lukasik explained that the purpose of the Resolution was to remove the credit card fees from the Master Fee Schedule. Mr. Lukasik stated that credit card fees were collected only for Country Club Memberships, Marina Storage Fees and Building Permits. The current process for administering the fee was done manually and was a burdensome and time consuming process for staff. After reviewing different software packages for Golf Operation and determining many of the software companies were not capable of charging separate credit card fees, staff recommended removing the collection of credit cards fees from the FY 2021 Master Fee Schedule.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers and staff regarding the removal of credit card fees from the Master Fee Schedule.

Thereafter, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-39 passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2021-40 – GOLF CARTS, UTILITY HAULER, SHUTTLE, AND BEVERAGE CART LEASE

A motion was made by President Pro Tem Mullinix and seconded by Councilmember Norris to adopt Resolution 2021-40 entitled:

RESOLUTION 2021-40 – GOLF CARTS, UTILITY HAULER, SHUTTLE, AND BEVERAGE CART LEASE *continued*

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM E-Z-GO, A DIVISION OF TEXTRON, INC., FOR THE LEASE OF EIGHTY GPS EQUIPPED GOLF CARTS , ONE UTILITY HAULER, ONE SHUTTLE AND ONE BEVERAGE CART PURSUANT TO PRICING ESTABLISHED IN AN EXISTING NATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING ALLIANCE (N/K/A OMNIA PARTNERS, PUBLIC SECTOR) CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY LEASE AGREEMENTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSAL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Head Golf Professional Allan Bowman stated that the current lease for the golf carts at the Country Club was ending in November. Staff met with the three major manufacturers of golf carts and was recommending a lease with E-Z-GO since their lithium battery technology has been tested for over 4 years and included a 5-year warranty.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers and Mr. Bowman regarding the E-Z-GO golf carts and their features.

Thereafter, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-40 passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2021-41 – POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASE

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Searcy and seconded by Councilmember Bickel to adopt Resolution 2021-41 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2020 FORD INTERCEPTOR MARKED HYBRID UTILITY VEHICLE FROM BARTOW FORD PURSUANT TO PRICING ESTABLISHED IN AN EXISTING CHARLOTTE COUNTY CONTRACT AND THE PURCHASE OF REQUIRED EQUIPMENT FROM DANA SAFETY SUPPLY PURSUANT TO PRICING ESTABLISHED IN AN EXISTING CITY OF MIAMI CONTRACT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Works Manager Susanne Hachigian explained that the new utility vehicle would be replacing the vehicle that was declared a total loss and surplus through the adoption of Resolution No. 2021-32. Mrs. Hachigian stated that the new vehicle was a demo model that Bartow Ford was holding for the Village. Bartow Ford was giving the Village a good price on the vehicle and the vehicle would be the Village's first hybrid vehicle in its fleet. The hybrid vehicle would also save the Village in gas expense since it reduces engine idle time.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers and Mrs. Hachigian regarding the new hybrid vehicle purchase.

Thereafter, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-41 passed unanimously.

VILLAGE COUNCIL MATTERS/REPORTS

Mayor Aubrey asked Council to consider changing the Regular Council meeting start time from 7:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Mayor Aubrey distributed information that reflected the meeting times of all municipalities within Palm Beach County and stated that the Village was the only municipality that began their meetings at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion ensued among Councilmembers regarding whether or not to change the start and end times of the Village's Regular Council and Workshop meetings and what times would work best.

Mayor Aubrey stated that it would only take a motion to change the Council meeting start time and asked Council to take time to consider the change and it could be decided on at the next scheduled Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Searcy distributed information from the American Jewish Committee regarding the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and working definition of antisemitism. Vice Mayor Searcy stated that she had been asked to bring the information to Council to request a Resolution defining antisemitism. Vice Mayor Searcy stated that a number of municipalities in Palm Beach County had already passed a Resolution.

All Councilmembers agreed to review the draft Resolution and to discuss it at the next scheduled Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Searcy announced that it was Police Appreciation Week and thanked the Village's Police Department and expressed her appreciation.

Council expressed their appreciation for the Village's Police Department.

VILLAGE MANAGER MATTERS/REPORTS

Mr. Lukasik stated that he had an update on the American Rescue Plan Act and asked if Council wanted to hear the update or postpone it to the next scheduled Council meeting.

Council agreed to hear the update on the American Rescue Plan Act at the next scheduled Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.



Jessica Green, MMC, Village Clerk