

ACTION MINUTES

ISLAMORADA VILLAGE COUNCIL

**Special Call Village Council Meeting
Founders Park Community Center
87000 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, Florida 33036**

**Thursday, July 21, 2011
At 5:15 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL Mayor Michael Reckwerdt asked for roll call at 5:42p.m. Present were: Mayor Michael Reckwerdt, Vice Mayor Ken Philipson, Council members: Don Achenberg, Ted Blackburn, and David Purdo. Also in attendance were: Edward Koconis Village Manager, Village Attorney Nina Boniske, Deputy Village Clerk Kyrie Wagner, and all other appropriate Village personnel.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Reckwerdt requested Vice Mayor Philipson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Achenberg gave an update regarding his July, 21st meeting with the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District. (KLWTD)

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Reckwerdt opened Public Comment. The following addressed the Council: Stan Margulies, Islamorada, FL; Larry Barr, North Plantation Key, FL; John Fernandez, Plantation Key, FL and Deb Gills, Islamorada, FL.

Discussion continued.

Mayor Reckwerdt reopened Public comment. The following addressed the Council: Stan Margulies, Islamorada, FL.

Discussion continued.

Mayor Reckwerdt reopened Public Comment. The following addressed the Council: John Fernandez, Plantation Key, FL.

Discussion continued.

It was the consensus of the Council to have legal continue working on a contract with the KLWTD and discuss on the July 28th Regular Village Council meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Reckwerdt opened the Public Comment Section. Being none, Mayor Reckwerdt moved to Section IV.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

No items for consent

V. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Proposed Resolution for Millage Rate, Current Year Rolled Back Rate, and Date, Time, and Place of First and Second Budget Hearings

RESOLUTION NO. 11-

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA; DETERMINING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE, THE CURRENT YEAR ROLLED-BACK RATE, AND THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND BUDGET HEARINGS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; DIRECTING THE CLERK TO FILE SAID RESOLUTION WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF MONROE COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA STATUTES AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Reckwerdt asked Village Attorney Boniske to read the title of the resolution.

Village Attorney Boniske read the title of the resolution.

Mayor Reckwerdt asked for a staff report.

Edward Koconis, Village Manager, gave his report to Council.

Mayor Reckwerdt asked for Council discussion.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Reckwerdt opened the Public Comment Section. The following addressed the Council: Larry Barr, North Plantation Key, FL.

Mayor Reckwerdt asked for any further Council discussion. Being none, Mayor Reckwerdt asked for a motion.

Councilman Achenberg made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice Mayor Philipson.

Mayor Reckwerdt asked for a roll call.

Councilman Purdo	Yes
Councilman Achenberg	Yes
Councilman Blackburn	Yes
Vice Mayor Philipson	Yes
Mayor Reckwerdt	Yes

Vote passes 5 to 0.

VI. MOTIONS

A. Direction Regarding Southwinds Proposals

It was the consensus of the Council to have staff take the direction given at the earlier workshop and apply it to the South Winds and Chamber Proposals.

VII. MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Direction Regarding Referendum for Runoff Election and Staggered Terms (Councilman Purdo)

Mayor Reckwerdt asked for Council discussion.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Reckwerdt opened Public Comment. The following addressed the Council: Deb Gillis, Islamorada, FL and John Fernandez, Islamorada, FL.

Mayor Reckwerdt asked for further Council discussion

Discussion continued.

Councilman Purdo made a motion to put a referendum to the voters to instead of having a 50 percent plus 1 vote to allow the top vote getter elected and eliminate a runoff, seconded by Vice Mayor Philipson.

Mayor Reckwerdt asked for roll call.

Vice Mayor Philipson	Yes
Councilman Achenberg	No
Councilman Purdo	Yes
Councilman Blackburn	Yes
Mayor Reckwerdt	Yes

Vote passes 4 to 1.

Councilman Purdo made a motion to run stagger terms on a two to four year basis to eliminate the possibility of changing anybody that might be on Council all at one time and at the next election the 3 top vote getters will get 4 year terms and the 2 less vote getters will get 2 year terms.

Motion fails due to lack of a second.

VIII. VILLAGE ATTORNEY/VILLAGE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Reckwerdt asked if Village Attorney Boniske had any items to discuss. Being none, Mayor Reckwerdt asked if Village Manager Koconis had any items to discuss. Being none, Mayor Reckwerdt moved to section IX.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reckwerdt asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Achenberg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Purdo. Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kyrie Wagner, Deputy Village Clerk

Approved by Council on 9th day of August 2011.