



**ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Founders Park Community Center
87000 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, FL 33036
January 26, 2012
5:30 PM
Minutes**

I. CALL TO ORDER\ROLL CALL

Mayor Reckwerdt called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and requested Village Clerk Debra Eastman to call the roll. The following Council members were present on roll call: Councilman Don Achenberg, Councilman Ted Blackburn, Councilman Dave Purdo, Vice Mayor Ken Philipson and Mayor Michael Reckwerdt.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Reckwerdt invited Former Mayor Dave Boerner to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PRESENTATIONS - None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Barr spoke of a probable tsunami and Keys evacuation.

V. AGENDA: Request for Deletion / Emergency Additions

VI. CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES

- A. Historic Preservation Commission – No Report
- B. Land Acquisition Advisory Committee – No Report
- C. Landscape Advisory Committee – No Report
- D. Local Planning Agency – No Report
- E. Near Shore Water Support Citizens' Advisory Committee – Chairperson Bob Mitchell
Bob Mitchell provided a verbal report to the Village Council and spoke of a program for boat pump out.
- F. Parks and Recreation Citizen's Advisory Committee – No Report
- G. Water Quality Improvement Citizens' Advisory Committee – No Report
- H. Workforce / Affordable Housing Citizens' Advisory Committee – No Report
- I. Citizens' Financial Advisory Committee – No Report

VII. WASTEWATER MATTERS

A. Wastewater Update

Wastewater Director Greg Tindle reported that the staff is still working on tasks and will be making a report at the February 9, 2012 Village Council Meeting.

Mayor Reckwerdt opened public comments. Stan Margulies urged the Council to pursue discussions with Key Largo.

VIII. QUASI-JUDICIAL None

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes:

January 12, 2012 Executive Session

January 12, 2012 Regular Village Council Meeting

A motion to adopt the consent agenda was made by Councilman Achenberg. The motion received a second from Councilman Purdo. Mayor Reckwerdt called for the vote and the motion was adopted 5-0.

X. ORDINANCES None

XI. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution to Reappropriate FY 2010-2011 Lapsed Encumbrances and Amend the FY 2011-2012 Budget**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, APPROVING REAPPROPRIATION OF OUTSTANDING FY 2010-2011 ENCUMBRANCES; AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 11-09-71; AMENDING THE VILLAGE'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Village Attorney Nina Boniske read the title of the resolution. Finance Director Maria Aguilar explained the item. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Philipson to adopt the resolution. The motion received a second from Councilman Blackburn. Mayor Reckwerdt called for the vote and the motion carried 5-0.

XII. MOTIONS None

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

XIV. MAYOR / COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

**A. Discussion Regarding Affordable Housing / Inclusionary Fees
(Vice Mayor Philipson)**

Vice Mayor Philipson indicated he was approached by some residents regarding their building projects. He suggested that the fees be reduced to their previous levels due to the economy and that the fees be reviewed annually. Councilman Purdo spoke in support of Vice Mayor Philipson. Councilman Achenberg spoke in opposition to the change. Councilman Blackburn suggested that a workshop should be conducted on this subject. Mayor Reckwerdt requested that Deb Gillis give input. Deb Gillis explained the concept of inclusionary zoning fees and indicated that she had not attended the last meeting of the Workforce/Affordable Housing Committee. Village Manager Ed Koconis suggested that if the February 23, 2012 agenda continues to be light, he will include this item on the regular meeting agenda.

**B. Discussion Regarding Golf Carts on Upper Matecumbe Key Old Road and Adjacent Neighborhoods
(Vice Mayor Philipson)**

Vice Mayor Philipson indicated that he is bringing this item before the Village Council because there is some interest in allowing the use of golf carts on the old highway from dawn until dusk.

Councilman Blackburn spoke in support of the idea.

Mayor Reckwerdt invited Captain Corey Bryan to speak to the idea from the law enforcement perspective. Captain Bryan explained the pros and cons of allowing golf carts on the old highway. Fire Chief William Wagner spoke regarding the impact on the Fire Department of a decision to use golf carts on the old highway.

No action was taken by the Village Council.

**C. Discussion Regarding Proposed Resolution Addressing Fire and Police Pension
(Vice Mayor Philipson)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING POLICE OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER DISABILITY PRESUMPTION REFORMS TO MAKE PENSION PLAN AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS SUSTAINABLE FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS; REQUESTING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AMEND CURRENT STATUTORY DISABILITY PRESUMPTIONS; URGING APPROVAL BY THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Village Attorney Nina Boniske read the title of the resolution.

Vice Mayor Philipson explained that the information was derived from the Florida League of Cities and he is asking for the support of the Village Council. Councilmen Achenberg and Blackburn spoke in support.

Vice Mayor Philipson made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion received a second from Councilman Achenberg. Mayor Reckwerdt called for the vote and the motion carried 5-0.

D. Discussion Regarding Contract Negotiation Policy
(Mayor Reckwerdt)

Mayor Reckwerdt explained that Councilman Purdo would like to attend the staff contract negotiation meetings for wastewater.

After discussion, Councilman Achenberg made a motion that each Council person be given the opportunity to attend one meeting. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Philipson. Mayor Reckwerdt requested a roll call vote. Village Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion carried 3-2 with Councilman Blackburn and Councilman Achenberg voting in opposition.

XV. VILLAGE ATTORNEY / VILLAGE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

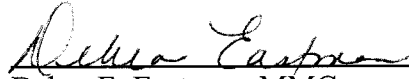
A. FY 2011-2012 First Quarter Budget to Actual Review

Finance Director Maria Aguilar explained the first quarter budget to actual report.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Achenberg made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. The motion received a second from Councilman Purdo.

Approved by the Village Council on February 9, 2012.


Debra E. Eastman, MMC
Village Clerk