



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

**Founders Park Community Center  
87000 Overseas Hwy  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
February 23, 2012  
5:30 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER\ROLL CALL**

Mayor Reckwerdt called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and requested Village Clerk Debra Eastman 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 Lesli Wojtecki to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Proclamation Mariners Hospital Celebration of 50 years**

Cheryl Cottrell, VP Chief Nursing Officer accepted the proclamation and thanked the Village Council for their support.

**B. Kim Gabel, Environmental Horticulture Agent, University of Florida/IFAS/Monroe County Extension**

Kim Gabel was unable to attend the meeting.

Vice Mayor Philipson asked to remove item VIII B from the Consent Agenda to discuss. Vice Mayor Philipson invited Coral Shores High School Teacher Dianne Wischmeier and Student David Tetour to speak regarding the resolution urging local merchants to not sell candy flavored tobacco products.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Reckwerdt invited public comment. Larry Barr thanked Village Manager Ed Koconis and Public Works Director John Sutter for addressing the drainage problems at Kahiki.

**V. AGENDA: Request for Deletion / Emergency Additions**

There were no additions or deletions.

**VI. CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**A. Landscape Advisory Committee – Chairperson Phyllis Mitchell**

Phyllis Mitchell presented the Pineapple Award on behalf of the Landscape Advisory Committee to Patty Silver for the landscaping at the Silver Law Firm building.

**VII. QUASI-JUDICIAL**

There were no quasi-judicial items.

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes:**

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**B. Resolution Urging Local Vendors to Cease the Sale and Marketing of all Candy Flavored Tobacco Products, which Tend to Promote and Influence Underage and/or Youthful Consumption; Urging Citizens Not to Purchase or Use Candy Flavored Tobacco Products**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA URGING LOCAL VENDORS TO CEASE THE SALE AND MARKETING OF ALL CANDY FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS, WHICH TEND TO PROMOTE AND INFLUENCE UNDERAGE AND/OR YOUTHFUL CONSUMPTION; URGING CITIZENS NOT TO PURCHASE OR USE CANDY FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**C. Resolution Certifying and Declaring the Results of the Islamorada, Village of Islands Special Election Held on January 31, 2012 for Consideration of a Charter Amendment to Eliminate Runoff Elections**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON JANUARY 31, 2012 FOR CONSIDERATION OF A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE RUNOFF ELECTIONS; AUTHORIZATION OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**D. Resolution Requesting the Issuance of Fifty Million Dollars of Save Our Everglades Trust Fund Monies for Implementation of Wastewater Projects within the Florida Keys**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE BOND AN**

**ADDITIONAL FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$50,000,000.00) OF SAVE OUR EVERGLADES TRUST FUND MONIES TO BE APPROPRIATED THIS FISCAL YEAR TOWARD THE FLORIDA KEYS AREA OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN PROTECTION PROGRAM TO RESTORE AND CONSERVE NATURAL SYSTEMS THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

**IX. WASTEWATER MATTERS**

**A. Wastewater Update**

**1. Key Largo Negotiations**

Councilman Blackburn reported on the Key Largo Negotiations and the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District (KLWTD) meeting held on February 21, 2012 and provided the Village Council with a copy of the draft meeting minutes. Councilman Blackburn pointed out motions adopted by KLWTD

- regarding no plans to install or construct reclaim water or reuse facilities at the treatment plant, and if at some point in time in the future the District determines to develop reclaim water, it shall discuss such plans with the customer; and,
- adoption of a 90 day deadline for an inter-local agreement with Islamorada and tasking their General Manager to prepare a schedule for meetings with their staff and attorney and that Islamorada agree to pay ½ of the on-going expenses for legal and engineering with a cap of \$25,000.

Tom Brzezinski Wade Trim reported on his upcoming meeting with KLWTD engineers and addressed the outstanding discussion points from the last meeting. It was agreed that he will provide as much data as possible to the Village Council as soon as he has it available.

It was decided to change the time of the already scheduled March 6, 2012 Special Call Village Council Meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 10 a.m.

Mayor Reckwerdt invited public comment.

Larry Barr offered his interpretation of the cost of sending wastewater to Key Largo.

Buddy Pinder thanked Councilman Blackburn for this work with KLWTD.

Ed Davidson commented on wastewater.

Raul Pedroso urged the Council to leave their options open and to be sure to review any contracts.

The Village Council gave direction to village staff to request that KLWTD schedule an extra meeting, if necessary between their meetings on March 6 and March 20 to assist with the short time line.

Mayor Reckwerdt called for a break at 7:26. The meeting resumed at 7:55 with all Council members in attendance.

**X. ORDINANCES**

There were no ordinances.

**XI. RESOLUTIONS**

There were no resolutions.

**XII. MOTIONS**

There were no motions.

**XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**XIV. MAYOR / COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Discussion Regarding Federal Lobbyist (Vice Mayor Philipson)**

Vice Mayor Philipson suggested that the Village Council consider a Federal Lobbyist. He explained that the Village Manager has issued an RFQ. It was agreed that the Village Council will discuss this further after the submittals have been received.

**B. Discussion Regarding Changing the Date of the March 22, 2012 Regular Village Council Meeting (Vice Mayor Philipson)**

Vice Mayor Philipson indicated that his original reason for considering a meeting date change no longer exists. There was no action.

**XV. VILLAGE ATTORNEY / VILLAGE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**


Mayor Reckwerdt invited communications from the Village Manager. There was none.  
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Councilman Purdo requested that an item be added to the next regular meeting agenda to discuss the current Weiss, Serota Law Firm contract and whether to hire an in house attorney or whether to put the position out to bid.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Achenberg. The motion received a second from Councilman Purdo. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Approved by the Village Council on March 8, 2012.

  
Debra E. Eastman, MMC  
Village Clerk