



ISLAMORADA VILLAGE COUNCIL

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

**Thursday, March 15, 2012
At 11:00 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Reckwerdt called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.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 Patty Silver to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

IV. DISCUSSIONS

A. Affordable Housing in Lieu Fees

Barry Wray, Vice Chairman of the Workforce/Affordable Housing Citizens' Advisory Committee expressed recommendations from the Committee on their behalf. The Committee would like for the Village Council to establish programs for the use of funds outside of building new homes; such as, down payment assistance, financial assistance with sewer hookup fees and financial assistance for home improvements. He suggested that the company who previously studied and recommended in lieu fees for residential property be commissioned to study in lieu fees for non residential property.

Deb Gillis spoke about the current programs available in Marathon.

Cheryl Culberson spoke regarding the programs of Marathon, sewer hookup assistance and in lieu fees.

Patty Evans spoke regarding fees quoted for her property in Islamorada.

Mayor Reckwerdt suggested that the Council may be able to take a broad stroke to the ordinance considering time and resources available at this point in time. It was suggested that the current 30% could be reduced to 20% or 10% and that it could be reviewed in a year. Mayor Reckwerdt requested the committee and staff review the recommendation and suggested the Village Council discuss further at the Regular Village Council Meeting next week.

Mayor Reckwerdt called for a break at 12:22 p.m. The meeting resumed at 12:42 p.m. with all Council members in attendance.

Village Attorney James White advised the Village Council that a settlement offer has been reached in the Graham Glynn case and he will bring a formal agreement to the April 12, 2012 for the approval of the Village Council.

V. WASTEWATER MATTERS

A. Wastewater Update

Wastewater Program Director Greg Tindle indicated that staff will be meeting with Veolia on Monday, March 19, 2012.

B. Key Largo Negotiations Update and Schedule

Councilman Blackburn provided a memo to the Council members from Margaret Blank, General Manager of the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District to the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment Board dated March 6, 2012 which addresses capacity and upgrades.

Councilman Blackburn made a motion to pursue an agreement with the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District to purchase 1.1 million gallons per day of capacity for a capacity allocation charge of approximately 11.1 million dollars. The motion received a second from Councilman Purdo.

Mayor Reckwerdt called for public comment and there was none.

Mayor Reckwerdt asked that Village Clerk Debra Eastman call the roll. The motion passed 5-0.

C. Other Wastewater Issues

Councilman Achenberg indicated that he supported the use of the NPK plant when the capacity at KLWTD was in doubt and that it is now preferable to send all effluent to KL and suggested that use of the NPK plant for wastewater treatment be withdrawn. He suggested that the NPK site may be valuable when the Village Council is able to address reuse.

Mayor Reckwerdt expressed his desire to have reuse some part of the Key Largo contract. Councilman Blackburn suggested that reuse could be an addendum to the contract currently being negotiated.

Councilman Purdo asked about saltwater intrusion. Staff will bring further information to the next Regular Village Council meeting regarding the effluent salinity level.

Larry Barr urged that reuse not be a deal breaker with Key Largo and that an addendum to the contract could address the issue for the Village.

Wastewater Program Director Greg Tindle requested that the Village Council verify its direction to staff regarding the NPK plant. Vice Mayor Philipson indicated that the Village will need to expand NPK to take phase 3. The Village Council requested that staff bring back a schedule of events in order to be able to give clear direction.

Mayor Reckwerdt requested that staff provide ballpark information regarding the cost of operation of the NPK plant.

Village Attorney Lillian Arango gave a follow up report on the potential conflict of interest as discussed at the previous meeting by Village Attorney Nina Boniske. Ms. Arango explained that the firm is handling one matter for DNJN Harris Aviation which was purchased by AECOM Transportation and explained the AECOM subsidiaries. She suggested that the Village could hire the Nabors Giblin firm to represent the Village in this matter or the Village Council could vote to waive the conflict if they felt so inclined.

Councilman Achenberg made a motion to waive the conflict of interest. The motion received a second from Councilman Blackburn. Village Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion passed 4-1 with Councilman Purdo voting in opposition.

Village Attorney James White requested an Executive Session for Islamorada V Terri Mellili, Case Number 11AP4.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Achenberg to adjourn. The motion received a second from Councilman Purdo. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Approved by the Village Council on April 12, 2012.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Debra E. Eastman", written over a horizontal line.

Debra E. Eastman, MMC
Village Clerk