



ISLAMORADA VILLAGE COUNCIL

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

**Tuesday, May 1, 2012
At 10:00 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER\ROLL CALL

Mayor Reckwerdt called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. and invited 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 Frank Hawkins to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Reckwerdt indicated that the Village Council may need a workshop prior to their next Regular Council Meeting to fully review and understand the Key Largo wastewater agreement. It was decided that the Council would review the agreement at this meeting and then decide what action was necessary.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Barr thanked Public Works Director John Sutter for the work done on the road near his home which solved standing water issues and requested that his neighborhood be included in the grant to bury electric lines, if that is possible.

Stan Margulies requested that the Village Council direct staff to make application for the grant to bury electric lines.

Marty Waits asked that the Village Council take an action regarding the wastewater contract that would send a signal to Key Largo of where they stand.

IV. WASTEWATER MATTERS

A. Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District Agreement for Wastewater Services

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR WASTEWATER SERVICES BETWEEN THE KEY LARGO WASTEWATER TREATMENT DISTRICT AND ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS TO PROVIDE WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SERVICES AND APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-327(h) OF THE VILLAGE'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE

MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Copies of the Key Largo wastewater agreement, as amended the previous evening, were distributed to the Council members.

Village Attorney Lillian Arango reviewed sections of the agreement and Exhibit F, Collection and Transmission System Operations Protocol in detail. The Council discussed issues regarding rates and charges, the true up provision, capacity, odor control and treatment, purchase of additional capacity, Village growth, transmission lines, salinity, and the payment of invoices, introduction of improper material into the system and resulting damage to the system.

Wastewater Program Director Greg Tindle and Tom Brzezinski of Wade Trim provided information to the Council regarding the issues.

Larry Barr spoke regarding potential growth of the Village and salinity.

Stan Margulies spoke regarding having in house expertise to supervise the project.

Deb Gillis spoke about capacity.

Mayor Reckwerdt called for a break at 12:40 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:22 p.m.

Village Attorney Lillian Arango read the title of the resolution.

Vice Mayor Philipson made a motion to adopt the resolution and the agreement as modified. The motion received a second from Councilman Purdo.

Village Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion passed 5-0.

- B. Wade Trim Work Authorization for General Engineering and Owner's Representative and Design and Construction Management Services Regarding Design, Build, Operate Wastewater Treatment Project**
- A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA APPROVING THE PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR WORK AUTHORIZATION #10 BETWEEN WADE TRIM, INC. AND ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PROVIDE OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE AND DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DESIGN-BUILD-OPERATE OF THE VILLAGE'S WASTEWATER SYSTEM; AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF WORK AUTHORIZATION #10; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE WORK AUTHORIZATION #10; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Wastewater Program Director Greg Tindle explained that the project is moving forward to the construction management phase. The proposed Wade Trim work authorization provides those services. Tom Brzezinski of Wade Trim explained the scope of work, the services provided in work authorization #10 and the plan going forward to 2015.

Mayor Reckwerdt called for a break at 2:09 p.m. The meeting resumed at 2:11 p.m.

Village Attorney Lillian Arango read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Achenberg made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Philipson. There was no public comment. Village Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion passed 5-0.

V. AFFORDABLE HOUSING WASTEWATER MATTERS

- A. Discussion Regarding Back-billing of Wastewater Usage Charges to Deed Restricted Affordable Home Owners

Finance Director Maria Aguilar provided detailed information to the Village Council and indicated the properties that would be affected. Vice Mayor Philipson clarified that the properties receiving assistance are owner occupied and deed restricted and requested that staff provide the Council with further information regarding the rental properties. Deb Gillis questioned whether this group could be singled out.

Vice Mayor Philipson made a motion to subsidize the back billing of properties located at 281 Woods Avenue, units #1 through #16, Islamorada to be paid from the workforce/affordable housing inclusionary zoning fees. The motion received a second from Councilman Blackburn. Village Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion passed 4-0 with Councilman Purdo recusing himself.

VI. OTHER MATTERS

- A. Resolution Approving Payment to State of Florida Auditor General for Cost to Perform Operational Audit of the Village
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF \$115,007 TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA AUDITOR GENERAL FOR THE COST OF THEIR OPERATIONAL AUDIT; AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO FINALIZE AND IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PAYMENT; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Village Attorney Lillian Arango read the title of the resolution. There was no public comment. Vice Mayor Philipson made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion received a second from Councilman Purdo. Village Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion passed 5-0.

- B. Discussion Regarding Federal Lobbyist
Mayor Reckwerdt suggested that having reviewed the proposals that each member of the Village Council members propose two firms they would like to interview. After discussion, it was agreed to direct the Village Manager to invite the firms of Alcalde & Fay and Mercury/Clark & Weinstock to the May 24, 2012 Village Council meeting for an interview.

VII. MAYOR / VILLAGE COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Plumbing Connection Expenses for Deed Restricted Affordable Homes Not Yet Connected to the North Plantation Key Wastewater Collection System

Planner Kevin Bond provided a report to the Village Council. It was agreed that the item would be deferred to the next Regular Village Council meeting and would include the backup data.

VIII. VILLAGE ATTORNEY / VILLAGE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS


Village Manager Ed Koconis requested the preference of the Village Council in designating the official charged with the responsibility of declaring an emergency. It was agreed that the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan should reflect that it is the elected official in consultation with the Village Manager.

Councilman Achenberg reported on the April 30, 2012 hurricane meeting and informed that there will be another meeting to complete the agenda.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Achenberg made a motion to adjourn. The motion received a second from Councilman Purdo. The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Approved by the Village Council on May 10, 2012.


Debra E. Eastman, MMC
Village Clerk