



**ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Administrative Center and Public Safety Headquarters
86800 Overseas Hwy, 3rd Floor Conference Room
Islamorada, Florida 33036**

**February 28, 2013
3:30 PM**

Mayor Ken Philipson called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. The following Council members were present on roll call: Mayor Philipson, Vice Mayor Ted Blackburn; Councilman Mike Forster, Councilwoman Deb Gillis and Councilman Dave Purdo. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Nina L. Boniske; Special Counsel Jeffrey Hochman; Village Manager Edward Koconis and Village Clerk Ariana S. Lawson.

Mayor Philipson invited the public to address the Council.

James Bellizzi, Plaintiff, advised those present that he had reduced his previous list of twenty-one settlement points to ten. Mr. Bellizzi requested the Council consider his revised settlement offer.

Stan Margulies, Islamorada, stated that he and the Venetian Shores Homeowners' Association were unaware of Mr. Bellizzi's settlement offer until that morning and requested Council take no action with regard to the offer until Mr. Margulies and his attorney had the opportunity to review the offer.

Mayor Philipson made a request to the Village Attorney for advice on the following matter:

**JAMES BELLIZZI,
Plaintiff,**

v

**ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA,
A FLORIDA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,
Defendant,**

Case No. 10-CA-334-P

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

*Minutes of
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Mayor Philipson closed the open meeting at 3:40 p.m. and advised all those present that the Council was moving forward with an attorney/client session in accordance with Florida Statute 286.011. He estimated that the session would last approximately one hour, with the following people in attendance:

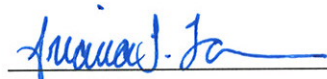
- a. Mayor Ken Philipson, Vice Mayor Ted Blackburn and Council members Mike Forster, Deb Gillis and Dave Purdo;
- b. Village Attorney Nina L. Boniske;
- c. Special Counsel Jeffrey Hochman; and
- d. Village Manager Edward Koconis.

Mayor Philipson stated that the proceedings would be recorded by a certified court reporter, Kathleen A. Fegers, RPR, and at the conclusion of all litigation discussed the transcript would be made part of the public record. Mayor Philipson requested all individuals not named above leave the room and the attorney/client session commenced.

At the conclusion of the attorney/client session, Mayor Philipson reopened the public meeting and invited members of the general public back into the meeting room.

Ms. Boniske summarized the Village Council's instruction to Special Counsel Jeffrey Hochman during the closed attorney/client session to reject the settlement offer dated February 26, 2013. Mayor Philipson requested a show of hands to indicate all in favor; Council unanimously agreed to reject the offer.

Councilman Purdo offered a motion to adjourn and Councilman Forster seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.


Ariana S. Lawson
Village Clerk

Approved by the Village Council this 28th day of March, 2013.