



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

**Founders Park Community Center
87000 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, FL 33036
March 14, 2013
5:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER\ROLL CALL

Mayor Ken Philipson called the meeting to order at 5:38 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 Manager Ed Koconis, Village Attorney Nina Boniske, Village Clerk Ariana Lawson, Finance Director Maria Aguilar and all other appropriate personnel.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Blackburn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Ken Philipson announced the pending arrival of Governor Rick Scott to the meeting.

While awaiting Governor Scott's arrival, Vice Mayor Ted Blackburn briefly spoke toward the need to establish a short-term line of credit with a 1.0 – 1.25 % interest rate for wastewater construction within the Village (XIV. Mayor/Council Communications, Tab A).

A. Proclamation

Governor Rick Scott Day – March 14, 2013

Mayor Philipson read the proclamation and presented it to Governor Scott. Mayor Philipson thanked Governor Scott for his services to Islamorada, Village of Islands with regard to his support of the Florida Keys wastewater projects and his work to create jobs, reduce unemployment, protect the environment, grow the economy, strengthen education, and keep the cost of living low for Florida families.

Governor Scott acknowledged the Village's wastewater efforts to date, and thanked the Council and the audience for Islamorada's contribution to record high tourism and increasingly falling unemployment rates in the State of Florida.

Mayor Philipson presented Governor Scott and members of his staff with Islamorada pins in thanks.

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Council participated in a photo opportunity with Governor Scott prior to his departure.

At the request of Village Attorney Nina Boniske, Council resumed discussion of Tab A under XIV. Mayor/Council Communications.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Philipson opened up public comment.

Wayne Bell, Islamorada, expressed concern over the status of wastewater construction in Venetian Shores during pending litigation between the Village and Venetian Shores homeowner James Bellizzi.

Stan Margulies, Islamorada, urged Council to investigate misinformation allegedly being communicated by Reynolds Water Islamorada.

David Guardino, Islamorada, stated that decisions regarding the provision of solid waste services should not be personal, but business. He urged Council to put the Village's solid waste services agreement out to bid. Mr. Guardino also questioned whether the design of the Middle Plantation Key wastewater collection system is flawed and, if so, whether the citizens would have to pay another assessment to ameliorate it.

Doug Rabe, Islamorada, recommended the next public wastewater meeting be held at a larger venue such as the Coral Shores High School auditorium. Mr. Rabe expressed his unhappiness with the sewer line placement on his property and other Venetian Shores homeowners' properties, rather than under the main road. He questioned whether the delay in adjusting the engineering design is related to pending litigation between the Village and Venetian Shores homeowner James Bellizzi, and he encouraged the Village to end the litigation. Councilman Purdo advised Mr. Rabe that Council continues to work toward resolving pending litigation with Mr. Bellizzi.

Mayor Philipson closed public comment.

V. AGENDA: Request for Deletion / Emergency Additions

There were no deletions or emergency additions to the agenda.

VI. CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES

There were no Citizens' Advisory Committee updates.

VII. VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS AND UPDATES

There were no Village Manager reports or updates.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes:

TAB 1

February 6, 2013 Village Council Joint Workshop with the
Water Quality Improvement Citizens' Advisory Committee

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February 8, 2013 Village Council Workshop – Attorney Services

February 8, 2013 Village Council Meeting
Executive Session (Case No. 2006-CA-43-P)

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Councilwoman Gillis offered a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Purdo seconded the motion. Mayor Philipson called for all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

IX. ORDINANCES

- A.** First Reading – Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment Regarding Proportionate Share Mitigation for Transportation Concurrency **TAB 2**

At Council's request, the item was deferred to the March 28, 2013, 5:30 p.m., Regular Village Council Meeting.

- B.** First Reading – Land Development Regulations Text Amendment Regarding Proportionate Share Mitigation for Transportation Concurrency **TAB 3**

At Council's request, the item was deferred to the March 28, 2013, 5:30 p.m., Regular Village Council Meeting.

- C.** Second Reading – Proposed Amendment to Noise Ordinance **TAB 4**

At Council's request, the item was deferred to the March 28, 2013, 5:30 p.m., Regular Village Council Meeting.

- D.** Second Reading – Ordinance Exempting Qualified Seniors Under Constitutional Amendment VII **TAB 5**

Village Attorney Nina Boniske read the title of the ordinance. Finance Director Maria Aguilar presented the staff report. Mayor Philipson called for public comment; there was none. Vice Mayor Blackburn offered a motion to approve; Councilman Forster seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

X. QUASI-JUDICIAL

There were no quasi-judicial items for consideration.

XI. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions for consideration.

XII. MOTIONS

No motions were made.

XIII. WASTEWATER MATTERS

There were no wastewater matters for discussion.

XIV. MAYOR / COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Line of Credit for Wastewater Project (Vice Mayor Blackburn)

Council resumed discussion of the item following the departure of Governor Scott. Vice Mayor Blackburn stated that the possibility exists that funding from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) may become available under the Village's existing Project Participation Agreement (PPA) for the Florida Keys Water Quality Improvement Project (FKWQIP) and that wastewater costs paid for with SRF loan funds may not be eligible for reimbursement under the PPA. He stressed that a waiver of competitive bidding is critical to swiftly secure a bridge loan that would allow the Village to directly pay for wastewater-related services without utilizing SRF loan funds pending execution of the Mayfield grant. He stated that wastewater expenditures paid for utilizing the bridge loan could then be immediately submitted to the ACOE for reimbursement should funding become available in the near future under the FKWQIP PPA.

Finance Director Maria Aguilar advised Council that advertising a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the line of credit may add an extra month to the process. She advised Council that Julie Santamaria, RBC Capital Markets, is currently in communication with several interested lenders.

Village Attorney Nina Boniske advised Council that staff anticipates presentation of the draft Mayfield Grant Agreement at the next Regular Village Council Meeting. She reminded Council that the grant is reimbursement-based and advised Council that a short-term loan would facilitate payment of the costs for subsequent reimbursement by the grant. She also clarified that while staff recommends waiving the formal RFP process, staff is already informally soliciting lender quotes.

Council directed staff to informally shop around for a short-term line of credit.

XV. VILLAGE ATTORNEY / VILLAGE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Village Attorney or Village Manager communications.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Purdo offered a motion to adjourn; Vice Mayor Blackburn seconded the motion. Council voted all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.



Ariana S. Lawson
Village Clerk

Approved by the Village Council this 11th day of April, 2013.

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