



**ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS
SPECIAL CALL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Founders Park Community Center
87000 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, FL 33036**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2013
Immediately following the 5:30 P.M. Special Call Village Council Meeting**

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Ken Philipson called the meeting to order at 5:56 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 Attorneys James E. White and Nina Boniske, Village Manager Edward Koconis and Recording Secretary Synthia Lankford, Director of Finance Maria Aguilar and all other appropriate personnel.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Synthia Lankford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Philipson called for public comment; there was none.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Discussion Regarding Draft Amendment to “State Wastewater Funding TAB 2 Distribution Agreement for ‘Year Two of Four’”

Village Manager Ed Koconis opened the discussion on the State Wastewater Funding Distribution Agreement for ‘Year Two of Four’. The proposed split for the Village of Islamorada is 24.5 million dollars. The Village would receive 7 million dollars in year two and 8.75 million dollars in years three and four. Representative Holly Raschein has requested for the Monroe County entities move forward as a unified group before October 2, 2013. Council directed staff to bring forward a resolution at the September 26, 2013 Regular Village Council Meeting for approval of the State Wastewater Funding Distribution agreement.

Councilman Ted Blackburn commended Mayor Ken Philipson and staff for their work on the State Wastewater Funding Distribution Agreement; Councilwoman Gillis agreed.

B. Ad Hoc Village Attorney Recommendation Committee Report

TAB 1

Scott Black presented the Ad Hoc Village Attorney Recommendation Committee Report. Twenty-five applications were received for the position of Village Attorney, nine were selected for interviews, and eight interviews were conducted. The Committee developed interview questions and scoring guidelines for Village Council to use in the interview process. The Committee unanimously agreed on the top five candidates brought forward to Village Council. The candidates were presented in alphabetical order, not by rank or scoring.

Mayor Ken Philipson thanked the Committee for their work and recognized Human Resources Manager Kelly Toth for her work.

C. Discussion Regarding Interview Scheduling and Process

Mayor Ken Philipson recommended interviews be conducted on Friday, September 27, 2013 beginning at 9:00 AM. Each candidate would be interviewed individually by individual members of Council and rotate at the end of the interview, with interview period lasting no longer than thirty minutes. Council would convene a Special Call Village Council meeting in the afternoon of September 27, 2013 to discuss their rankings of the candidates and determine the final two candidates that will go forward to a public interview. Council may decide to call a final vote for selection of the Village Attorney at the September 27, 2013 Special Call Village Council Meeting.

Councilman Ted Blackburn agreed with Mayor Philipson's recommendations. Councilwoman Deb Gillis requested background checks be conducted prior to the September 27, 2013 interviews. Council directed Human Resources Manager Kelly Toth to conduct background checks on the five candidates and check their references. Councilman Purdo expressed concern regarding interviewing and selecting a Village Attorney on the same day. Councilman Mike Forster agreed with Mayor Philipson's recommendations.

Village Attorney Nina Boniske requested clarification on the process of choosing the final two candidates for public interview at the Special Call Village Council Meeting. Mayor Philipson advised Council will discuss their individual rankings of the candidates at the start of the Special Call Village Council Meeting to determine the two finalists that will move forward to the public interview conducted that evening.

Village Attorney Nina Boniske inquired if Council intended to provide lodging accommodations to the candidates. Council agreed to provide the candidates with lodging for the night of September 26, 2013 and directed staff to make the arrangement.

Staff was directed to notice a Special Call Village Council Meeting for the Interview and Selection of a Village Attorney on Friday, September 27, 2013 at 3:00 PM in the Founder's Park Community Center.

V. MAYOR / COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Ken Philipson announced the Rum Runners 5K Race will return this year and is planned for early December 2013.

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VI. VILLAGE ATTORNEY / VILLAGE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Village Attorney or Village Manager communications.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Dave Purdo offered a motion to adjourn; Councilman Mike Forster seconded the motion. Council voted All in Favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.



Ariana S. Lawson
Village Clerk

Approved by the Village Council this 23rd day of October, 2013.