ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS
VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

Founders Park Community Center
87000 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, FL 33036
Tuesday, September 22, 2015
11:00 AM

I.   CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Mike Forster called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM. The following Councilmembers were present on roll call: Mayor Mike Forster, Vice Mayor Deb Gillis, Councilman Jim Mooney, and Councilman Chris Sante. Councilman Dennis Ward was absent. Also in attendance were Village Manager Maria Aguilar, Village Attorney Roget Bryan, Village Clerk Kelly Toth, Public Works Director Lesli Wojtecki and all other appropriate personnel.

II.   PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cara Lundgren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III.   WORKSHOP PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

A.   Discussion Regarding FDOT Roadway Repair & Resurfacing Project No. 425600-6-52-01
from MM 77.5 to MM 81.4 Including the Fills

Village Manager Maria Aguilar introduced FDOT representative Nathan Pulido, Project Manager for project number 425600-6-52-01. Mr. Pulido presented an overview of the of the FDOT roadway project which included: resurfacing the existing roadway and shoulders; widening the southbound paved shoulder to five feet and designating it as a bike lane; widening the northbound paved shoulder to ten feet to serve as an evacuation lane and within the ten feet would be a designated bicycle lane; restriping the roadway, upgrading the guardrails, and retrofitting bicycle pedestrian railings on the barrier walls on the bridges. He explained FDOT was proposing to relocate some of the trees to behind the paved parking areas which will prevent vehicles from going beyond the paved areas. An FDOT representative clarified that some of the trees would be relocated to allow for the ten foot widening of the roadway; and in circumstances where tree roots were damaging the asphalt. Mr. Pulido asked if the Council wanted the proposed parking removed as had been discussed at a previous Village Council meeting.

Council discussion, with staff input, ensued regarding the proposed parking, excessive signage, and relocating existing trees. Council agreed to have FDOT remove all of the signs, delineators and designated parking spaces that were in the proposed plans. Village Manager Maria Aguilar requested that FDOT reissue the construction plans showing the Village's proposed changes had been removed; Nathan Pulido agreed to reissue the plans.

Mayor Mike Forster expressed concern about the rip rap, which had since been removed from the project, not providing true shoreline restoration. He asked if FDOT could help mitigate the shoreline. Nathan

Pulido, FDOT Project Manager, stated the shoreline restoration could possibly occur under another project. Village Manager Maria Aguilar explained how projects were addressed by FDOT.

IV.   PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment.

Cara Lundgren stated the Chamber of Commerce's concerns were adequate parking and the locations of the trees that were to be relocated. She expressed concern regarding the placement of the trees, or other objects, that might limit parking. Ms. Lundgren requested Council schedule future workshops to discuss the parking and recommended the Council schedule a series of workshops to consider ideas for each section of the Fills.

Vice Mayor Deb Gillis stated she understood that Ms. Lundgren wanted to overlap the project by having the workshops while the project was underway. Discussion ensued among Council, staff and Ms. Lundgren regarding parking, funding and future planning for the Fills.

Village Manager Maria Aguilar inquired as to when the Council desired to begin the workshops. Mayor Mike Forster stated once the FDOT project went out to bid Council and staff would know what the project looked like and suggested the workshops begin at that time.

V.   ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mike Forster made a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor Deb Gillis seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:55.

_Kelly S. Toth_____
Kelly S. Toth
Village Clerk

Approved by the Village Council this 22nd day of October, 2015.