



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

**Founders Park Community Center
87000 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, FL 33036
Thursday, September 8, 2016
5:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Deb Gillis called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M. The following Councilmembers were present on roll call: Mayor Deb Gillis, Vice Mayor Jim Mooney, Councilman Mike Forster and Councilman Dennis Ward. Councilman Chris Sante was absent. Also in attendance were Village Manager Maria Aguilar, Village Attorney Roget Bryan, Village Clerk Kelly Toth, and all other appropriate personnel.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bernie Kaye led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Proclamation: Constitution Week

Mayor Deb Gillis proclaimed September 17th through September 23rd, 2016 as Constitution Week. Virginia Spears, member of the Florida Keys Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution received the proclamation.

B. Update from Advanced Disposal – J.R. Romero

Advanced Disposal General Manager J.R. Romero provided a report to Council regarding recent delays in scheduled service and sanitizing dumpsters. Mr. Romero confirmed he would provide an update to Council at the October 13, 2016 Regular Village Council Meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment at 5:48 p.m.

Bernie Kaye addressed the Council regarding the Solid Waste Assessment notification he received in the mail.

Van Cadenhead addressed the Council regarding mosquito control and the Zika virus.

Dave Purdo addressed the Council regarding the need for speed control signs on North and South Hammock Road. Council requested the Village Manager and Director of Public Works address the issue.

Barbara Edgar announced an upcoming audio visual event regarding the Florida Keys' worst hurricanes, hosted by the Matecumbe Historical Trust, which would occur at the Island Christian Church on September 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Larry Barr addressed the Council regarding funding for future Stormwater projects and taxation.

Fire Chief Terry Abel announced a barbeque fund raising event would occur at the Islamorada Moose Lodge on Saturday, September 9, 2016. He stated proceeds, excluding bar revenue, would be used to pay for a firefighter training course. Chief Abel also announced a "9/11" ceremony would occur at Islamorada, Fire Station 20 on September 11, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.

Mayor Deb Gillis closed public comment.

V. AGENDA: Request for Deletion / Emergency Additions

This item was heard at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Deb Gillis announced that Councilman Chris Sante had requested that Tab 17 Discussion Regarding Proposed Veterans Memorialization Project be pulled and placed on the September 22, 2016 Regular Village Council Meeting agenda.

Councilman Mike Forster requested that item XIII. B Discussion Regarding Access to Water on Beach Road be pulled and moved to the September 22, 2016 Regular Village Council Meeting agenda to allow the owner, who is out of town, to attend the meeting.

Councilman Dennis Ward requested future discussion items regarding Anne's Beach and Election Signs.

VI. CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. Local Planning Agency- Chair Pete Bacheler

This item was heard at 6:06 p.m.

Chair Pete Bacheler provided an update regarding the August 8, 2016 Local Planning Agency (LPA) meeting. He stated the LPA discussed, and was in favor of, the idea of residents being able to swap or exchange lots with Village owned lots that were donated through the BPAS process. He stated a resident expressed an interest in swapping for a property that was adjacent property already owned by the resident. He stated the committee also had a good discussion regarding off-street parking; and that the chair and vice chair of the LPA were re-elected.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

(All items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Village Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which event, the item will be moved to the Main Agenda.)

This item was heard at 6:09 p.m.

Mayor Deb Gillis pulled Tab 3 from the consent agenda for a separate discussion and vote.

A. Meeting Minutes:

- July 27, 2016 Village Council Budget Workshop
- July 27, 2016 Special Call Village Council Meeting
- July 28, 2016 Village Council Budget Workshop
- August 4, 2016 Village Council Budget Workshop
- August 4, 2016 Special Call Village Council Meeting

TAB 1

B. Resolution Approving Letter of Engagement for Code Compliance Hearing Officer

TAB 2

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA APPROVING THE LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN MICHAEL J. PAWELCZYK AND ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS TO PROVIDE SERVICES OF CODE COMPLIANCE HEARING OFFICER; AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ENGAGEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Councilman Dennis Ward made a motion to approve the consent agenda, excluding Tab 3. Councilman Mike Forster seconded the motion. Council voted all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

C. Resolution Opposing Seismic Blasting and Offshore Drilling Activities

TAB 3

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO SEISMIC BLASTING AND OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was heard at 6:10 p.m.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Assistant to the Village Manager and Public Information Officer Mary Swaney presented the staff report recommending approval.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment.

Van Cadenhead expressed concern for the sea life, should the seismic blasting be allowed.

Dave Purdo spoke against seismic blasting.

Vice Mayor Jim Mooney made a motion to approve. Councilman Mike Forster seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

VIII. ORDINANCES

IX. QUASI-JUDICIAL

X. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution Updating Nonresidential Square Footage Available in BPAS

TAB 4

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 15-11-110 TO INCREASE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF NONRESIDENTIAL FLOOR AREA THAT MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE BUILDING PERMIT ALLOCATION SYSTEM FOR 2016; PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF 2016 ALLOCATIONS BETWEEN CATEGORIES OF THE BUILDING PERMIT ALLOCATION SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was heard at 6:16 p.m.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Senior Planner Karl Bursa presented the staff report recommending approval.

Vice Mayor Jim Mooney made a motion to deny the request to recapture the additional nonresidential square footage whereby increasing the total amount available. Councilman Dennis Ward seconded the motion. Councilman Mike Forster stated he was in support of the denial. Village Attorney Roget Bryan explained that once a permit expired the square footage was automatically recaptured and that the item before them was a formalization of that process. *(Following the Village Attorney's explanation, a vote was not taken on this motion.)*

Discussion ensued between Council and the Village Attorney resulting in Vice Mayor Jim Mooney making a motion to table the item. Councilman Mike Forster seconded the motion. Council voted all in favor to table the item. The motion passed 4-0.

B. Resolution Approving Village Manager Employment Agreement

TAB 5

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND SETH LAWLESS TO SERVE AS THE VILLAGE MANAGER; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was heard at 6:25 p.m.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution and provided the staff report. Mayor Deb Gillis updated the Council regarding the contract negotiations she participated in with Seth Lawless.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment.

Van Cadenhead addressed the Council regarding the stipends the new Village Manager would receive.

Councilman Dennis Ward inquired as to the status of his request regarding a policy for evaluating and terminating Village Managers in a public meeting. Village Attorney Roget Bryan stated the process for termination was set forth in the Village Charter and that the contract for the new Village Manager stated the Council and the Village Manager had to mutually agree upon the evaluation process. Mr. Bryan stated he had information he would provide to Council regarding the evaluation process.

Larry Barr addressed the Council regarding the salary of the new Village Manager.

David Guardino addressed the Council regarding the salary of the new Village Manager.

Mayor Deb Gillis closed public comment.

Councilman Dennis Ward made a motion to approve. Councilman Mike Forster seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Deb Gillis stated Seth Lawless intended to start on October 3, 2016.

C. FY 2016-2017 Annual Rate Resolution for Stormwater Management Services

TAB 6

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES; REIMPOSING STORMWATER SERVICE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN

ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016; APPROVING THE STORMWATER ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE STORMWATER SERVICE ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF THE STORMWATER SERVICE ASSESSMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was heard at 6:36 p.m.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Village Manager Maria Aguilar presented the staff report recommending approval of a Stormwater Assessment rate of \$32.00 per Equivalent Stormwater Unit (ESU) and a maximum rate of \$64.00 per ESU for future years. She stated the proposed assessment rate is estimated to generate \$192,000 in revenue for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment.

Van Cadenhead addressed the Council regarding the federal government as a possible funding source. Discussion ensued among Council and the Village Attorney regarding federal funding the Village had received for water related projects and future stormwater funding discussions with the federal lobbyists.

Mayor Deb Gillis closed public comment.

Councilman Mike Forster made a motion to approve. Vice Mayor Jim Mooney seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

D. FY 2016-2017 Annual Rate Resolution for Solid Waste Service Assessment

TAB 7

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE IN ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA; REIMPOSING SOLID WASTE SERVICE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016; APPROVING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was heard at 6:44 p.m.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Village Manager Maria Aguilar presented the staff report recommending approval of the proposed Solid Waste assessment rate of \$408.35 per Residential Dwelling Unit (RDU) for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and a proposed maximum assessment rate of \$487.07 per RDU for future years.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment.

Larry Barr addressed the Council regarding the Solid Waste Fund Reserves of \$82,500. Mayor Deb Gillis stated the reserves provided for cleanup costs when FEMA did not reimburse for storm related debris. Village Manager Maria Aguilar stated she was recommending maintaining five percent of expenditures in the Solid Waste Fund Reserves.

Van Cadenhead addressed the Council regarding the Advanced Disposal solid waste contract and a decline in service levels. Village Manager Maria Aguilar confirmed the contract contained a schedule of penalties, but that it would not be cost effective to track missed trash pickups. Council discussion ensued regarding solid waste removal service.

David Guardino spoke regarding the solid waste bid process, current contract costs, and the automation of trash removal.

Mayor Deb Gillis closed public comment.

Councilman Dennis Ward made a motion to approve. Councilman Mike Forster seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

- E. FY 2016-2017 Annual Assessment Resolution for Wastewater Collection Fees and Administrative Costs within the Woods Corner Assessment Area

TAB 8

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF WASTEWATER FEES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS WITHIN THE WOODS CORNER ASSESSMENT AREA; REIMPOSING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was heard at 6:58 p.m.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Village Manager Maria Aguilar presented the staff report recommending approval of the proposed Woods Corner annual wastewater assessment resolution. She stated the proposed resolution continued the current assessment rate of \$263.00 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and a proposed maximum assessment rate of \$842.00 per EDU for future years.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment; seeing none, public comment was closed.

Vice Mayor Jim Mooney made a motion to approve. Councilman Dennis Ward seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

- F. FY 2016-2017 Annual Assessment Resolution for Wastewater Collection and Treatment Facilities within the North Plantation Key Assessment Area

TAB 9

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND FUNDING OF WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT FACILITIES WITHIN THE NORTH PLANTATION KEY ASSESSMENT AREA; REIMPOSING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was heard at 7:01 p.m.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Village Manager Maria Aguilar presented the staff report recommending approval of the proposed North Plantation Key annual wastewater assessment resolution. She stated the proposed resolution continued the current assessment rate of \$106.96 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and a maximum assessment rate of \$340.55 per connection for future years.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment.

Van Cadenhead addressed the Council regarding the history of the Village's incorporation; North Plantation Key being the first area to connect to the wastewater system; sewer backup lawsuits; and vacuum can replacements.

Mayor Deb Gillis closed public comment.

Councilman Dennis Ward made a motion to approve. Councilman Mike Forster seconded the motion. Council voted all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

G. FY 2016-2017 Annual Assessment Resolution for Wastewater Collection and Treatment Facilities within the North Plantation Key Supplemental Assessment Area TAB 10

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND FUNDING OF WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT FACILITIES WITHIN THE NORTH PLANTATION KEY SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT AREA; REIMPOSING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was heard at 7:01 p.m.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Village Manager Maria Aguilar presented the staff report recommending approval of the proposed North Plantation Key Supplemental Assessment Area annual wastewater assessment resolution for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. She stated the proposed resolution continued the current assessment rate of \$27.00 per .2 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU) for Multifamily Dwelling Units and a maximum annual assessment rate of \$132.00 per EDU for Multiple Single Family Dwelling Unit Parcels.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment; seeing none, public comment was closed.

Vice Mayor Jim Mooney made a motion to approve. Councilman Dennis Ward seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

H. FY 2016-2017 Annual Assessment Resolution for Phase 1 Wastewater Collection and Treatment Facilities / Remaining Service Area Phase 1 (RSA1) Wastewater Assessment TAB 11

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR THE WASTEWATER ASSESSMENT AREA WITHIN THE VILLAGE EXCLUDING THE NORTH PLANTATION KEY, WOODS CORNER, AND NORTH PLANTATION KEY SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT AREAS; REIMPOSING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was heard at 7:10 p.m.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Village Manager Maria Aguilar presented the staff report recommending approval of the proposed Remaining Service Area Phase I (RSA I) annual wastewater assessment resolution. She stated the assessment rates remained unchanged from prior fiscal years.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment; seeing none, public comment was closed.

Councilman Mike Forster made a motion to approve. Councilman Dennis Ward seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

- I. FY 2016-2017 Annual Assessment Resolution for Phase II Wastewater Collection and Treatment Facilities / Remaining Service Area Phase II (RSA2) Wastewater Assessment

TAB 12

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND FUNDING OF WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR PHASE II OF THE WASTEWATER ASSESSMENT AREA WITHIN THE VILLAGE BUT EXCLUDING THE NORTH PLANTATION KEY, NORTH PLANTATION KEY SUPPLEMENTAL AND WOODS CORNER ASSESSMENT AREAS; REIMPOSING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was heard at 7:12 p.m.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Village Manager Maria Aguilar presented the staff report recommending approval of the proposed Remaining Service Area Phase II (RSA 2) annual wastewater assessment resolution. She stated the proposed resolution continued the annual and maximum assessment rates from prior fiscal years.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment; seeing none, public comment was closed.

Mayor Deb Gillis made a motion to approve. Vice Mayor Jim Mooney seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

- J. FY 2016-2017 Annual Assessment Resolution for Grinder Pump Lateral Connections

TAB 13

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE GRINDER PUMP LATERAL CONNECTIONS TO THE VILLAGE'S CENTRAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM; REIMPOSING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016; APPROVING THE UPDATED ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was heard at 7:14 p.m.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Village Manager Maria Aguilar presented the staff report recommending approval. She stated the proposed resolution continued the current rates.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment; seeing none, public comment was closed.

Mayor Deb Gillis made a motion to approve. Councilman Dennis Ward seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

- K. Resolution- Approval of the Residential Building Permit Allocation System Ranking and Awards Quarter 3 of 2016

TAB 14

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, APPROVING RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT ALLOCATION SYSTEM RANKINGS AND AWARDED RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT ALLOCATIONS FOR QUARTER 3 OF 2016; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was heard at 7:16 p.m.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Senior Planner Karl Bursa presented the staff report recommending approval.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment; seeing none, public comment was closed.

Councilman Dennis Ward made a motion to approve. Councilman Mike Forster seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

L. Resolution Approving FEMA FY 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant

TAB 15

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS FLORIDA, APPROVING FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AWARD NO. EMW-2015-FO-05886 FOR THE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING VILLAGE MANAGER AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO FINALIZE AND IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING GRANT COST SHARE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was heard at 7:17 p.m.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Village Manager Maria Aguilar presented the staff report recommending approval. Village Manager Maria Aguilar stated the total equipment cost was approximately \$400,000 and that the Village was receiving \$203,673 in grant funding for the SCBA purchase. Chief Abel confirmed that procurement of the RIT packs and the compressor system was included in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget, but that the Village did not receive grant funding for the RIT packs and compressor.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment; seeing none, public comment was closed.

Councilman Mike Forster made a motion to approve. Councilman Dennis Ward seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

XI. MOTIONS

XII. MAYOR / COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Discussion Regarding Balloon Ban – Councilman Forster

TAB 16

This item was heard at 7:22 p.m.

Councilman Mike Forster reported regarding the need for a balloon ban in Islamorada. Director of Parks & Recreation and Marine Resources John Sutter reported on the detrimental effects balloons have on sea life,

other municipalities adopting balloon ban ordinances, the need for an educational effort, enforcement of a balloon ban, and obtaining support from other municipalities in Monroe County. Council directed the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment.

Larry Barr spoke in support of a balloon ban ordinance.

Van Cadenhead spoke in support of a balloon ban ordinance.

Mayor Deb Gillis closed public comment.

XIII. VILLAGE ATTORNEY / VILLAGE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

A. Community Development Block Grant Program Update

This item was heard at 7:34 p.m.

Village Manager Maria Aguilar provided a brief history of the Community Development Block Grant funding. She provided an update on the number of applications received and the status of those applications. Discussion ensued between Mayor Deb Gillis and Village Manager Maria Aguilar regarding sufficient applications to utilize all of the grant funding.

Ms. Aguilar stated that to date, the Village had paid Reynolds Water Islamorada \$96.7 million dollars for the wastewater construction project and that staff was awaiting the final pay application before closing out the project.

B. Discussion Regarding Access to Water on Beach Road

(This item was pulled from the agenda).

Councilman Forster requested that the item be discussed at the October 13, 2016 Regular Village Council Meeting.

C. Discussion Regarding Proposed Veterans Memorialization Project

TAB 17

(This item was pulled from the agenda).

D. Discussion Regarding the Fills Landscaping Project Plans

TAB 18

This item was heard at 7:39 p.m.

Village Manager Maria Aguilar stated the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) was at the point where they would begin landscaping at the Fills and that FDOT could include establishing some parking spaces in this area during this stage of the project. Ms. Aguilar stated FDOT was requesting the Council and public input at a public workshop to comment on the 60% plans for the project. Council discussion ensued regarding avoiding planting large trees that blocked the view of the water, the placement of vegetation, leasing property or Use Permits from FDOT, front-view elevated plans, possibly hiring the FDOT project engineering contractors to develop recommendations on behalf of the Village, inviting the new FDOT District Six Director to a public meeting, the boat ramp and inviting specific citizens to the workshop to provide input.

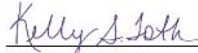
Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment.

Van Cadenhead spoke regarding preserving the vista at the Fills, mangrove trimming and paid parking.

Mayor Deb Gillis closed public comment.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Dennis Ward made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Mike Forster seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Kelly S. Toth
Village Clerk

Approved by the Village Council this 3rd day of November, 2016.