

October 16, 2019

Village Council Meeting

Attendance:

Mayor Soto

Mr. Neal

Mrs. DiCarolis

Mr. Hodgson

Mr. Fulmer

Mrs. Bryan

Also:

Sean Swartz

Mario Sotolongo

Starr Paton

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

The minutes from the September 17, 2019 final budget hearing and village council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Hodgson to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Soto reviewed the accounts payable. All the items were reasonable and necessary. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Fulmer to approve the accounts payable. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Soto reviewed the September 30, 2019 financial statement with the council. Mayor Soto stated the village is in contract negotiations with the PBA and discussed items being negotiated such as medical stipend, uniforms and extra holidays, along with salary increase. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mrs. DiCarolis to approve the September 30, 2019 financial statement.

Police Report:

Chief O'Brien discussed the contract negotiations with the PBA which are ongoing. The police department vehicles have been outfitted with renovated "Toughbook" mobile terminals which we received from the FHP. Officers will have access to forms, DMV licenses and the cameras while in the patrol cars. Chief stated the Beach Club is expanding their use of cameras on their property. The season change of homeless persons have arrived in the plaza. Our officers are aware and handling this is needed. There was a case of criminal mischief regarding a glass partition was broken by a shot from a pellet gun. There was no other damage to any other property.

Code Compliance Report:

Mario Sotolongo reported there were 7 new cases of code compliance. Mario reviewed the cases with the council. A special magistrate hearing will be scheduled for November 25th for non-compliant cases. Mario also informed the council of a new software being installed with Calvin Giordano which will allow up to date information on code cases. The fee for this service is around \$300 per month. Mario will bring more information on this service to the council at the November meeting.

Public comments opened. There were none. Public comments closed.

New Business:

Mayor Soto asked the council to review the landscape plan for 4 Oneida Lane. Ruth Walter was sworn in as the representative of the property owner to discuss the plan. Mario Sotolongo had reviewed the plan for compliance and a landscape architect had certified the plan for compliance to our code as well. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Hodgson to approve the landscape plan presented for 4 Oneida Lane. Motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor asked the council to consider the first reading of the amendment to the landscape ordinance providing for a timeframe to exercise the rights under an approved landscape plan and tree removal/relocation permit. The council discussed the timeframes. Motion made by Mrs. DiCarolis and seconded by Mrs. Bryan to recommend a timeframe of 90 days for completion of tree removal and replacements and to have landscape plans completed prior to final inspections for construction projects. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Swartz read the ordinance on first reading by title only. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Hodgson to approve the ordinance on first reading. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Soto asked Mr. Swartz to discuss the response received from the Florida DEO regarding the appraisal and evaluation of the village comprehensive plan. Mr. Swartz stated that the state has responded back to the Village that we must address sea level rise in our comprehensive plan. He would recommend the hiring of a professional planner to assist the village in this matter. Mario Sotolongo stated that Calvin Giordano can assist the village in this matter. They will be contacted for a proposal for services.

Mayor Soto asked the council to consider the engagement letter from Keefe McCullough for the audit services for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Hodgson to approve the engagement letter for Keefe McCullough for audit services. Motion passed unanimously.

The November council meeting will be held on Wed. November 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn.