

February 10, 2021

## Village Council Meeting

### Attendance:

Mayor Nelson

Mr. Neal

Mrs. DiCarolis

Mrs. Bruener

Mr. Hodgson (via phone)

Mr. Fulmer

Mr. Tomlinson

Mr. Barry

### Also:

Mr. Sean Swartz

Starr Paton

Chief O'Brien

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

The minutes from the January 13, 2021 council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Fulmer to approve the January 13, 2021 council meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the accounts payable for February. All the bills were ordinary and necessary. Motion made by Mrs. DiCarolis and seconded by Mr. Fulmer to approve the accounts payable for February.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the January 31, 2021 financial statement. Cash balance at the end of January was \$2,137,000. The balance as of January 31, 2020 was \$1,834,000 showing we are \$300,000 ahead of last year's numbers. Mr. Tomlinson stated we are \$12,000 under budget in ad valorem receipts year to date. All other budget items are in line other than building permits which are \$87,000 over budgeted amount. Mr. Barry asked Mr. Tomlinson if he would make any changes or recommendations to the financial processes. Mr. Tomlinson discussed our process of ad valorem receipts and caps on homesteaded properties and the accounting and audit process. Motion made by Mr. Barry and seconded by Mr. Fulmer to approve the January 31, 2021 financial statement. Motion passed unanimously.

### Police Report:

Chief O'Brien stated he has expanded the police shift differentials so that we have more coverage overnight. This has made an impact and officers are making 2-3 contacts per shift with individuals driving along A1A. One vehicle of interest has now used paper temporary tags which are not picked up by the tag readers in Lauderdale by the Sea. Det. Koch was assigned

training with Sunrise P. D. and developed some good contacts with other departments which will help us in pursuing the case of the stolen vehicles. The Chief is also meeting with TEM to look into pricing and installation possibility of additional gate arm for egress from the village overnight. The additional shift adds an additional officer 4 days a week from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m. and the other 4 days the afternoon shift officer works a later shift. Two police department personnel have been diagnosed with COVID. One officer is back to work and the part time aide is still in quarantine at home. Mayor Nelson asked the Chief about the ongoing issues at the plaza with the halfway house in Lauderdale by the Sea. The Chief responded that BSO has the same staffing issues but we have mutual aid and back each other up when necessary.

#### Code Compliance Report:

Mario Sotolongo was not able to attend or call in. He provided the council with the January code log.

#### Public Comments opened.

Mr. Elias Zenkich of 6 Oneida Ln. commented about the playground installation. He was unhappy with the peripheral wall installation and felt it wasn't squared and should be better made. Mayor Nelson explained to Mr. Zenkich that the playground is a Beach Club project and he should direct comments to the Beach Club Board.

Public Comments closed.

#### New Business:

Mayor Nelson asked for a motion to remove item E regarding the amendment to the ILA for transportation surtax per Mr. Doody. Motion made to remove item E on the agenda by Mr. Barry and seconded by Mr. Fulmer. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Nelson asked for consideration of the landscape plan for 3 Winnebago Rd. Mario Sotolongo has advised the plan is compliant. Motion made by Mr. Neal and seconded by MR. Fulmer to approve the landscape plan for 3 Winnebago Rd. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Nelson asked for consideration of the landscape plan for 6 Winnebago Rd. Mario Sotolongo has advised the plan is compliant. Motion made by Mrs. DiCarolis and seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the landscape plan for 6 Winnebago Rd. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing for the second reading of the ordinance adopting the South Florida Water Management District's year- round irrigation plan. Mr. Swartz stated there were a few changes to the first reading upon review by SFWMD. This ordinance gives the village power of enforcement and variances. Motion made by Mrs. DiCarolis and seconded by Mr. Hodgson to approve the ordinance for SFWMD irrigation plan. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Swartz read the ordinance by title only. Public hearing was closed.

Mayor Nelson asked the council to consider the municipal agreement with the Broward Supervisor of Elections for the March 9, 2021 election. Motion made by Mr. Fulmer and

seconded by Mrs. DiCarolis to approve the municipal agreement with the Supervisor of Elections. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Swartz ready the resolution by title only.

Mayor Nelson asked Mr. Barry to report on the Community Workshop which was held on February 2, 2021. Mr. Barry stated it was a very positive meeting with residents, Alex Soto, president of the Beach Club and Chief O'Brien. There were discussions regarding the vehicle thefts which occurred in January. The gate officers are experiencing a high volume of traffic due to COVID -19 increased deliveries and visitors in and out. Also due to the COVID -19, the gate officers have less physical interaction with guests and workers. Driver's licenses are presented to gate officers and cameras but are not scanned. However, no perpetrators have come through the gate. Mr. Barry stated that residents need to be part of the solution by turning on lights, closing garage doors and locking vehicles. Mr. Barry stated Beach Club president Alex Soto has offered the Beach Club's assistance with cameras or projects that will enhance security in the village. The Beach Club may also look into adding cameras on their property which point toward the village entrance. We also have another police car ordered which should be delivered soon. This will give the officers an additional vehicle for patrol. Chief has adjusted the sensors on the pedestrian walkways to alert staff on entries. Mr. Barry stated he opened it up to the community for comments. Residents commented about wall deficits, possible solutions and adding additional cameras. Mr. Barry discussed possible additions to wall security by additions of fencing on the top of the wall or other solutions. Mr. Tomlinson asked if we could target the more vulnerable areas along the wall. Mayor Nelson asked about the ability to email or text the gate and discussed notifications to the gate for guest and worker arrival with the Chief. The Chief stated he feels the simplest way is to call the gate but he would look into software that might enable email or text. Mr. Barry felt a study might be in order to look at solutions for vulnerable wall points. Mr. Rick Stockamore and the Chief discussed installation of sensor points but line of site is very difficult along the wall. Chief also stated he is in contact with the management at Ocean Bay to look into their camera and software system.

Next meeting will be held on Wed. March 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn.