

June 22, 2022

Village Council Meeting

Attendance:

Mayor Nelson
Mrs. Bryan
Mr. Fulmer
Mr. Tomlinson
Mrs. Bruener
Mr. Miron
Mr. Volkert

Also:

Sean Swartz
Lenore Graber
Starr Paton

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

The minutes from the May 11, 2022, council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mr. Tomlinson and seconded by Mrs. Bryan to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously. ‘

Mr. Tomlinson discussed the accounts payable for June. Mr. Tomlinson stated with the cost of the City of Ft. Lauderdale water bills, we might look into getting a well. All the bills were ordinary and necessary. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Miron to approved the accounts payable for June. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson discussed the financial statements for April and May. Cash balance at the end of April was \$2,200.00. Building permit receipts are down compared to budget but there are 4 large projects ready to permit. New computers have been purchased so that we may update to the cloud-based servers for back up. Mr. Tomlinson informed the council that it is budget time and handed out comparison of the last several years and proposed budget for this year. The Village had a 13% increase in taxable values this year. Mr. Tomlinson stated inflation is an issue and needs to be part of the budget process when thinking about setting the millage rate at the next meeting. The PBA contract will also be negotiated this year. This is a 3-year agreement. We will need to look at Beach Club lease renewal in the near future as well. Wall improvements are being discussed to enhance security. Mr. Tomlinson suggested that the millage rate remain the same at 7.25 but this will be discussed further at the July meeting when the tentative rate is set. Motion made by Mr. Miron and seconded by Mr. Volkert to approve the April and May financial statements. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Report:

Chief O'Brien reported that gas expense for PD vehicles has increased. We are still experiencing issues with email returns due to the cyber hacking event. FDLE has been sending communications to our old address even though they were notified of changes to email addresses. Chief stated that a traffic stop which ended in the village entrance was due to a stolen auto. Pompano BSO pulled them over after suspects turned into the village. Lauderdale by the Sea BSO and our officers were onsite during the event as well. There have been several "huffing" incidents at the plaza with aerosol cans. Chief is looking into wall security enhancements and will have more information at the next meeting.

Code Compliance Report:

Lenore Graber stated the council members had been given status updates for all the current cases. We are making sure all coconuts are removed at all properties. There were no questions from council members.

Beach Club Liasion:

Mrs. Bruener attended the last Beach Club meeting. The Beach Club discussed watering the empty lot on the wall and repairing the dock and dock area. Mrs. Stroger has asked the Beach Club to improve the planting and planter in the circle at Winona Lane.

Public Comments opened:

Dr. Pannu of 10 Minnetonka Rd. discussed the flooding issues following the recent tropical rains. For a week he and his neighbor Ann Hampton were unable to walk out of their homes without encountering flood waters. Dr. Pannu asked the council if there is a solution to this issue.

Ms. Anne Hampton of 9 Minnetonka Rd. discussed the swale in the front of her home and issues with the ATT trenching from when the fiberoptic cable was installed. She reiterated her concerns regarding the flooding issues and inability to move out of her residence due to standing water.

Mayor Nelson responded this is a Beach Club issue and if ATT's work was deficient, this should be pointed out to Alex Soto and Beach Club board as it is in their easement. It is not in the village council's authority.

Mayor Nelson asked Starr to Nixle the Broward County mosquito control website and contact information,

Public Comments closed.

New Business:

Mayor Nelson asked the council to consider a variance for owners of 2 Winona Lane for installation of synthetic turf in the swale. Sean Swartz swore in Mr. Michael Dayhoff, owner of the property. Mr. Dayhoff stated he has a hardship as he has replaced the sod in his yard 3

times due to a “virus” which is killing the sod. The synthetic turf that is installed will be pervious and has passed the requirements of the ordinance. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Volkert to approve the variance without conditions. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Nelson asked the council to discuss the building ordinance amendments previously discussed at the workshop several months ago. The Beach Club architectural committee gave the council an outline of a variety of items they would like to amend. Other cities, such as Pompano Beach are also looking into amendments to code to address items such as water retention on properties. The council also discussed hardships for front facing garages. The council tabled further discussion to the July meeting to allow time for a more in-depth review. Copies of the minutes from the workshop and the ARC outline will be emailed to council members.

Mayor Nelson asked the council to consider dates for the budget hearings in September. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Volkert to set the first budget hearing for Wed. September 7, 2022, at 5:01 p.m. and the final budget hearing and council meeting for Wed. September 21, 2022, at 5:01 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. The tentative millage rate will be considered at the July meeting.

Mayor Nelson asked the council to continue the discussion regarding wall security. The council discussed adding additional height to the wall, possibility of camera installation and different options. Some areas are more vulnerable along the wall than others. Chief O’Brien stated the area behind the plaza is mostly 12-foot walls with plant materials in front of the wall. The corner at Pine Avenue is the most vulnerable area and on the north wall where Ocean Bay townhomes the wall is 8 feet high. The council discussed the use of cameras. The Chief is discussing the addition of camera behind Publix with the plaza management. There was discussion of addition of wildlife/game cameras in some locations. We will contact Precast Wall systems to determine cost of changing the wall section behind Publix to one with an increased height. The council discussed the possibility of seeking advice from a professional security consultant. The Chief and Starr were directed to solicit quotes and information and bring back to the July council meeting.

The July meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn.