

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EMERGENCY SESSION  
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA  
MARCH 23, 2020**

Present:

Darryl C. Aubrey, Sc.D., Mayor  
Mark Mullinix, Vice Mayor  
David B. Norris President Pro Tem  
Susan Bickel, Councilmember  
Deborah Searcy, Councilmember  
Len Rubin, Village Attorney  
Andrew D. Lukasik, Village Manager  
Jessica Green, MMC, Village Clerk

ROLL CALL

Mayor Aubrey called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. All members of Council were present. All members of staff were present.

Mr. Lukasik gave an update on the COVID-19 response and the emergency preparation measures undertaken by Village employees.

Discussion ensued between Council, Mr. Lukasik and staff regarding what Village facilities and types of businesses would be closed and what Village facilities and types of businesses would remain open in accordance with the Governor's orders.

Mr. Lukasik gave an update on the implementation and timing of the Employee Administrative Leave Bank.

Information Technology Director Michael Applegate discussed the options that were available for having the Council meeting online and by teleconference. The public would have the option to go online to watch and listen to the meeting or to call in by telephone.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Lukasik, Mr. Rubin and Council on whether to have the next Regular Council Meeting scheduled for March 26, 2020.

The Council came to consensus to have the next Regular Council Meeting scheduled for March 26, 2020 and to conduct the meeting by electronic communication utilizing available online and telephonic methods.

Mr. Lukasik discussed the closing of Village facilities and stated that staff was researching companies that offer deep cleaning services to sterilize Village facilities while they are closed to the public. Mr. Lukasik stated that staff was waiting on cleaning and protective supplies from the Emergency Operations Center. In the meantime, staff was purchasing supplies wherever they could be found.

Discussion ensued between Council, Police Chief Richard Jenkins and Fire Chief J.D. Armstrong regarding what safety protocols the Police Department and Fire Department have been putting in place during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Lukasik gave an update on what activities have been closed and what activities are still functioning at the Country Club.

Discussion ensued between Council, Mr. Lukasik and Country Club General Manager Beth Davis regarding the Country Club operations and functions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Lukasik discussed potential economic impacts due to the pandemic and potential strategies for mitigating the impacts to the Village and its employees.

Councilmember Searcy asked what safety protocols were in place to protect the Village's sanitation workers.

Public Works Director Steven Hallock gave an update on the safety protocols that the Sanitation Department was utilizing to protect its sanitation workers.

Councilmember Bickel recommended that Council present a unified, reassuring and supportive response to residents in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

  
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Jessica Green, MMC, Village Clerk