

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
AUGUST 27, 2020**

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor Bickel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All members of Council were present. All members of staff were present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Mullinix gave the invocation and Mayor Bickel led the public in the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Session held August 13, 2020 was approved as written.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Richard Freseman, 419 Anchorage Lane, thanked Council and staff for repairing sidewalks throughout the Village.

Dan Higgins, 106 Atlantic Road, expressed concerns regarding weeds and overgrowth on the south side of Lakeside Park.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 6 was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda. Thereafter, the Consent Agenda, as amended, was approved with all present voting aye. The following items were approved:

- Receive for file Minutes of the Police and Fire Pension Board meeting held 5/12/20.
- Receive for file Minutes of the Golf Advisory Board meeting held 7/20/20.
- Receive for file Minutes of the Library Advisory Board meeting held 7/28/20.
- Receive for file Minutes of the Infrastructure Surtax Oversight Committee meeting held 8/13/20.
- Resolution – Approving the Honorary Designation of Bridge Number 930361 on S.R. A1A/Jack Nicklaus Drive as “Gold Star Family Memorial Bridge”, dedicated to Army Captain Joseph M. Berkson.

RESOLUTION 2020-51 – GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMORIAL BRIDGE DESIGNATION

A motion was made by Councilmember Searcy and seconded by Vice Mayor Mullinix to adopt Resolution 2020-51 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE HONORARY DESIGNATION OF BRIDGE NUMBER 930361 ON S.R. A1A/JACK NICKLAUS DRIVE AS “GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMORIAL BRIDGE, DEDICATED TO ARMY CAPTAIN JOSEPH M. BERKSON;” AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Lauren Berkson, daughter of Joseph M. Berkson, thanked Council and staff for their support and dedication to the Gold Star Family cause.

Amy Reese, Gold Star Family member also thanked Council and staff for their support and dedication to the Gold Star Family cause.

Thereafter, the motion to adopt Resolution 2020-51 passed with all present voting aye.

RESOLUTION 2020-52 – AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

A motion was made by Councilmember Aubrey and seconded by Councilmember Searcy to adopt Resolution 2020-52 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR PLANNING ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE U.S. HIGHWAY ONE CORRIDOR AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE CLERK TO EXECUTE SAME; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Lukasik explained the reason for the Amendment and gave an overview of the US Highway 1 Lane Repurposing Analysis. Mr. Luaksik discussed and explained the next steps and schedule for the proposed repurposing. Mr. Lukasik concluded his presentation by giving an overview and explanation of the budget detail for Phases 1 and 2 of the traffic study.

Mayor Bickel read into the record public comments received from the following residents who were opposed to the repurposing of the lanes on U.S. Highway 1 and hiring Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council for the planning activities:

- Holly Perella, 106 Cruiser Road North
- Gerry Arsenault, 109 Anchorage Drive South
- Nancy Arsenault, 109 Anchorage Drive South
- Lisa Commander, 2537 Pepperwood Circle

Mayor Bickel read into the record public comments received from the following residents who were in favor of repurposing the lanes on U.S. Highway 1 and/or hiring Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council for the planning activities:

- Lisa Jensen, 606 Shore Road
- Tim Hulihan, 840 Country Club Drive
- Amber Searcy, 655 Lakeside Court
- Marshall Gillespie, 731 Buoy Road

RESOLUTION 2020-52 – AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL *continued*

These residents addressed the Council regarding their concerns about the proposed repurposing of the lanes on U.S. Highway 1 and/or hiring Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council for the planning activities:

Ryan Nagel, 136 Cruiser Road South
Richard Freseman, 419 Anchorage Lane

Vice Mayor Mullinix proposed using a referendum question placed on the ballot of the November General Election in order for residents to make the decision regarding the repurposing of U.S. Highway 1.

Councilmember Aubrey recommended first completing the study of the lane repurposing on U.S. Highway 1 in order to have the information needed to place the referendum question on the ballot and give residents enough information to make an informed decision.

Discussion ensued between Council and Mr. Rubin regarding a proposed referendum question.

Mr. Rubin stated that there would not be sufficient time to have a referendum question ready for the November General Election.

Reverend John Frerking, 130 Cruiser Road South, commented and recommended that a referendum question be placed on the March municipal election ballot.

Thereafter, the motion to adopt Resolution 2020-52 passed 4 to 1 with Mayor Bickel, President Pro Tem Norris, Councilmember Aubrey and Councilmember Searcy voting aye and Vice Mayor Mullinix voting nay.

Council came to consensus to move forward with the process of having a referendum question regarding the lane repurposing of U.S. Highway 1 placed on the March municipal election ballot.

VILLAGE COUNCIL MATTERS/REPORTS

Councilmember Searcy asked Council to consider ways that the Village can support students returning to school and providing for certain needs.

Discussion ensued between Council and it was decided that the Village should research ways to support school students and provide for certain needs where possible.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.


Jessica Green, MMC, Village Clerk