

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 10, 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 Special Session held August 20, 2020 and the Minutes of the Regular Session held August 27, 2020 were approved as written.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Bickel read into the record a public comment received from Leanne Schmitt, 604 Eastwind Drive. In her comment, Ms. Schmitt asked that pool members and residents be notified of the new Country Club pool hours via text or social media. Ms. Schmitt also requested that residents be included in discussions regarding the improvements to the playground at Lakeside Park.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE RATE ORDINANCE AND BUDGET ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Councilmember Aubrey and seconded by President Pro Tem Norris to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2020-07 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mullinix and seconded by Councilmember Searcy to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2020-08 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AND AUTHORIZING ALLOCATIONS, APPROPRIATIONS AND

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE RATE ORDINANCE AND BUDGET ORDINANCE *continued*

EXPENDITURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUDGET AND AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; APPROVING A COMPREHENSIVE PAY PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS TO BUDGETED POSITIONS; APPROVING A MASTER FEE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS WHEN NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR THE RECEIPT OF GRANTS OR GIFTS; PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE LAPSE OF OUTSTANDING ENCUMBRANCES AND THE RE-APPROPRIATION OF UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Lukasik gave a presentation on the budget.

Mayor Bickel opened the public hearing on the ad valorem tax millage rate and budget.

Tom Magill, 119 Atlantic Road asked if any funds had been set aside in capital for the replacement of the Lighthouse Bridge.

Mr. Lukasik stated that the replacement of the Lighthouse Bridge was planned for the last two years of the five year CIP and that there were also plans to apply for grant money to accomplish the project.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Bickel closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Aubrey and seconded by Vice Mayor Mullnix to establish an ad valorem tax millage rate of 7.5000 mils. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bickel announced that the rolled back rate is 7.2247 mils, the percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 3.81%, and the millage rate to be levied is 7.5000 mils.

The motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2020-07 approving the Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate passed unanimously.

The motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2020-08 approving the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Budget passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2020-09 – GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Searcy and seconded by Councilmember Aubrey to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2020-09 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE ADOPTED GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 TO CLASSIFY THE TOTAL AMOUNT FINANCED FOR THE REAR LOADER SANITATION TRUCK AS CAPITAL OUTLAY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2020-09 – GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT *continued*

Mr. Lukasik explained that the action was recommended by the Village's auditors in order to properly report the Village's leased vehicles as capital outlay in the budget.

Thereafter, the motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-09 on first reading passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Mullinix moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Searcy seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The following items were approved:

Resolution – Authorizing the filing of the State Aid to Libraries Grant Funding Application and authorizing execution of the Grant Agreement.

Receive for file Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held 8/27/20.

VILLAGE COUNCIL MATTERS/REPORTS

Councilmember Searcy expressed congratulations for the Village's golf course receiving an honorable mention in Golf Magazine.

Councilmember Searcy stated that she distributed an example of a Resolution opposing offshore drilling and seismic air gun blasting to staff and Council. Councilmember Searcy recommended that the Village pass a Resolution opposing those practices.

Councilmember Searcy recommended that the Village announce that they do not plan to ban Halloween but instead to recommend safe practices and activities for Halloween.

Discussion ensued between Council regarding offshore drilling and seismic practices. It was agreed that a Resolution could be brought to Council for consideration.

Discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding how to conduct Halloween in the Village this year. Council agreed that they did not want to cancel Halloween in the Village but recommended that residents practice appropriate safety and social distancing practices.

Councilmember Aubrey stated that he had received comments from concerned residents regarding the delay in reopening the Village's recreational programs for children. Councilmember Aubrey urged staff to reopen recreational activities as soon as possible.

Vice Mayor Mullinix asked if staff had researched obtaining funds through the CARES Act due to revenues lost during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Mr. Lukasik stated that staff and the Village's consultant was researching and looking into the possibilities of the Village receiving funds through the CARES Act and would report back on their findings.

Mayor Bickel commended staff at Public Works for repairing the water pipe at the Country Club quickly and efficiently.

VILLAGE MANAGER MATTERS/REPORTS

Mr. Lukasik stated that staff was working on getting partitions placed on the dais in the Council Chambers to allow Councilmember to safely return and be physically present to conduct Council meetings.

Mr. Lukasik gave an update on the proposed U.S. Highway1 Lane Repurposing Project activities. The next open house event would take place on Monday, October 26th.

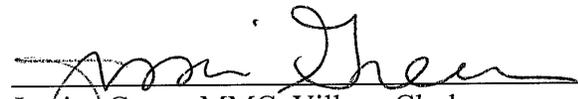
Recreation Director Stephen Poh gave a presentation on proposed color options for the Community Center and Osborne Park Activities Building.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council regarding the different color options.

Council came to consensus to use Option D which was the yellow color scheme with blue striping for the Community Center and Osborne Park Activities Building.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.



Jessica Green, MMC, Village Clerk