

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
JANUARY 14, 2021**

Present: Susan Bickel., 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

Absent: Mark Mullinix, Vice Mayor

ROLL CALL

Mayor Bickel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All members of Council were present except for Vice Mayor Mullinix who was out of town. All members of staff were present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Aubrey gave the invocation and Mayor Bickel led the public in the Pledge.

Councilmember Searcy recognized and thanked Police Chief Jenkins and the Police Department for patrolling and keeping the Village safe during the holidays.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Session held December 10, 2020 were approved as written.

ORDINANCE 2021-02 CODE AMENDMENT – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

A motion was made by Councilmember Searcy and seconded by President Pro Tem Norris to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2021-02 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, “BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS,” ARTICLE II, “MINIMUM CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS,” SECTION 6-17, “CODES ADOPTED,” TO RECOGNIZE THE ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 1 OF THE FLORIDA BUILDING; ADOPTING ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE 7TH (2020) EDITION OF THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Lukasik introduced Building Official Wayne Cameron.

Mr. Rubin explained the ordinance would recognize and formally adopt the adoption of Administrative Amendments to Chapter 1 of the Florida Code.

Thereafter, the motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2021-02 passed with all present voting aye.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-01 CODE AMENDMENT
– BOATS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

A motion was made by Councilmember Aubrey and seconded by Councilmember Searcy to adopt and enact on second reading Ordinance 2021-01 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING ARTICLE III, “STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING,” OF CHAPTER 18, “MOTOR VEHICLES,” OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 18-35, “BOATS AND BOAT TRAILERS; PARKING ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY RESTRICTED IN THE R-1 AND R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS,” AND SECTION 18-35.1, “RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND TRAILERS; PARKING ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY RESTRICTED IN R-1 AND R-2 ZONING DISTRICTS,” TO MODIFY THE LOADING AND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS, ALLOW FOR PERIODIC UTILITY CONNECTIONS FOR MAINTENANCE, ELIMINATE THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION PROCESS AND PROVIDE FOR A NEW DIMENSIONAL EXCEPTION PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Lukasik gave a presentation that reviewed and explained the revisions to the boat and recreational vehicles ordinance. The amendments to the code would create more flexibility for parking of recreational vehicles and boats by allowing 24 hours for loading and unloading with a limit of 4 times in a 14-day period. The old language to prohibit occupation but allowing connections periodically to maintain equipment/appliances would be restored. Mechanical equipment on recreational vehicles would be exempt from height restrictions, screening requirements would be relaxed and the special exception process would be eliminated and a dimensional exception process would be provided for residents who owned and stored equipment on their properties on or before November 12, 2020.

Mayor Bickel opened the public hearing on the boats and recreational vehicles ordinance.

Mayor Bickel read into the record a public comment received from Kathy Baummier, 909 Eucalyptus Road. In her comment, Ms. Baummier expressed concern with the proposed amendments to the boats and recreational vehicles ordinance. Ms. Baummier requested that the “grandfathering” piece be removed from the ordinance.

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

Thereafter, the motion to adopt and enact on second reading Ordinance 2021-01 passed with all present voting aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Pro Tem Norris moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Searcy seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The following items were approved:

Motion to waive the residency requirement for Planning Commission member Lori Rinaldi.

Resolution – Approving an Agreement for Medical Director Services with Rolando Cabrera, D.O. at an annual cost of \$14,400; and authorizing execution of the Agreement.

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Resolution – Approving an updated Interlocal Agreement with Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County for the delivery of solid waste to designated facilities and for a Municipal Revenue Sharing Recycling Program; and authorizing execution of the Agreement.

Resolution – Approving an Interlocal Agreement with Palm Beach County for Building Permit Services for a parcel of property immediately west of 2231 Canal Road; and authorizing execution of the Agreement.

Receive for file Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held 11/10/20.

Receive for file Minutes of the Recreation Advisory Board meeting held 11/10/20.

Receive for file Minutes of the Golf Advisory Board meeting held 11/16/20.

RESOLUTION 2021-04 – SECOND AMENDMENT TO GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

A motion was made by President Pro Tem Norris and seconded by Councilmember Aubrey to adopt Resolution 2021-04 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH BRIGHTVIEW GOLF MAINTENANCE, INC. TO IMPLEMENT AN ENHANCED FOLIAR PROGRAM FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Head Golf Professional Allan Bowman explained that the Second Amendment to the contract was to implement an Enhanced Foliar Program which was required for the Latitude36 grass that is on the golf course.

Thereafter, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-04 passed with all present voting aye.

RESOLUTION 2021-05 – WEST ALLEYWAY PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT

A motion was made by President Pro Tem Norris and seconded by Councilmember Aubrey to adopt Resolution 2021-05 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING A CONTRACT AWARD TO FLORIDA BLACKTOP, INC. FOR THE WEST ALLEY WAY PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Works Director Steven Hallock discussed and explained the reasons for the rehabilitation of the west alley way. Mr. Hallock gave a description of the process stating that the current asphalt would be recycled by being pulverized and compacted to form a base for the new surface layer of asphalt.

Councilmember Searcy asked if there were any environmental concerns with regards to the chemicals that would be used in the project.

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Mr. Hallock stated that the chemicals that would be used were the standard chemicals used for those types of projects.

Thereafter, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-05 passed with all present voting aye.

Scott Hicks, 416 Westwind Drive, asked if Council had a plan for re-engaging with the Village's advisory boards and what was the anticipated timeline for new appointments.

Councilmember Searcy explained that the Advisory Boards were still meeting and that process of appointing or reappointing members was temporarily put on hold due to Covid-19.

Mayor Bickel stated that staff would look into and address the temporary hold on Advisory Board appointments.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MATTERS/REPORTS

Councilmember Searcy requested a policy on encouraging FPL to underground the Village's electrical lines.

Mr. Lukasik stated that an advertisement was submitted to obtain a consultant for design and management of future undergrounding projects.

Councilmember Searcy asked if the Village code regarding political signage can be revisited and revised.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Rubin and Council regarding sign regulations.

Councilmember Searcy asked if the code which does not allow a political sign more than 30 days preceding an election be temporarily waived for the next Village election which would take place on March 9, 2021 and if revisions to the sign code could be addressed at a future workshop.

Mr. Rubin stated that the topic of temporarily waiving the political signage code can be placed on the next meeting agenda for consideration.

VILLAGE MANAGER MATTERS/REPORTS

Mr. Lukasik began a presentation regarding pedestrian amenities for the U.S. Highway 1 Bridge. Mr. Lukasik gave a brief history and explanation of the Florida Department of Transportation's project to replace the bridge. Mr. Lukasik stated that the Village has been involved with the design features of the bridge. Mr. Lukasik discussed and explained the existing conditions and future revisions of the bridge. Mr. Lukasik discussed and explained the trellis lighting options for the bridge.

Discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding which trellis lighting option to choose.

Council came to consensus and chose Trellis Lighting Option A for the U.S. Highway 1 Bridge.

Mr. Lukasik discussed and explained the different bench options for the U.S. Highway 1 Bridge.

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Discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding which bench option to choose. A decision was not reached on an option for benches on the bridge. It was recommended that more information was needed regarding the scale of the benches and whether or not there was frequent fishing on the bridge before a decision could be made.

Mr. Lukasik discussed and explained the different litter receptacle options for the bridge.

Discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding which litter receptacle option to choose.

A decision was not reached on an option for the litter receptacles on the bridge. It was recommended that a decision on the bench option would need to be made before a litter receptacle option could be made.

Mr. Lukasik discussed and explained railing detail, light standards, a proposed pedestrian underpass and floating dock concept.

Discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding whether to implement a pedestrian underpass or floating dock for the bridge.

Council came to consensus to not add a pedestrian underpass or floating dock to the bridge but would consider adding one of those options to the bridge in the future.

Mr. Lukasik reviewed and explained costs estimates for the trellis, trellis removal, lighting, street lighting, benches and litter receptacles for the bridge. Mr. Lukasik stated that he was considering grant options to cover the costs. Mr. Lukasik asked Council for direction on whether or not to continue to pursue the design and implementation of the U.S. Highway 1 Bridge pedestrian amenities.

Council directed Mr. Lukasik to continue pursuing the design and implementation of the U.S. Highway 1 Bridge pedestrian amenities.

Mr. Lukasik reviewed the schedule for the U.S. Highway 1 Bridge reconstruction.

Fire Rescue Chief Armstrong gave a presentation regarding Covid-19 Closed Point of Dispensing (POD) Vaccine Distribution in the Village. Mr. Armstrong explained that a POD was a mechanism utilized to provide lifesaving medication to a designated population of people during a public health emergency. Chief Armstrong stated that the designated population in the Village was those who were 65 years old and over. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the total population of North Palm Beach was 13,127 with 34% aged 65 or over. The designated population totaled 4,463. Chief Armstrong stated that approximately 60% of the designated population would choose to take the vaccine which brought the total number of that designated population to 2,678.

Chief Armstrong explained that the distribution of the vaccine is controlled by the Department of Health and the Village would receive allotments at their discretion. The goal was to dispense 100 doses, 3 days per week. At that rate it would take 9 weeks to serve the initial designated population. Chief Armstrong explained that the Village would initially receive only 50 doses from the Department of Health. An appointment system would be set up and once 50 appointments are received in the system, the system would stop accepting appointments. Chief Armstrong explained

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the approximate costs if the Village were to operate a POD over a 9-week period. Chief Armstrong stated that he did not anticipate needing to run a 9-week program since the vaccine should be more widely distributed to large retailers such as Publix, CVS and Walgreens within a couple of weeks.

Discussion ensued between Council and Chief Armstrong regarding the details and implementation of the Covid-19 Closed Point of Dispensing Vaccine Distribution in the Village.

Mayor Bickel thanked the Fire Rescue Department for their efforts in doing the research and getting the Covid-19 vaccine distribution set up for the Village.

Fire Chief Armstrong recognized District Chief Scott Freseman for his efforts in researching and getting Covid-19 vaccine distribution set up for the Village.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.



Jessica Green, MMC, Village Clerk