



**VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2024
6:30 PM**

**15516 SW Osceola Street, Suite C
Indiantown, FL 34956**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL: LaRhonda McBride, Village Clerk

PRESENT: Mayor Susan Gibbs Thomas, Vice Mayor Angelina Perez, Council Member Janet Hernández, Council Member Carmine Dipaolo, and Council Member Guyton Stone
Staff: Village Manager Taryn Kryzda, Village Attorney Wade C. Vose, Village Clerk LaRhonda McBride, Administrative Assistant Renae Cherry, Public Works & Utilities Director Patrick Nolan, and Parks & Recreation Director Deborah Resos

INVOCATION: Pastor Raife Lamb

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Gibbs Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, PULLED ITEMS OR OTHER MODIFICATIONS: None

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

1. National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Mayor Gibbs Thomas read the proclamation in honor of National Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

CEO and Founder of Florida Faith Alliance Lynne Barletta spoke regarding an increase in child trafficking.

A human trafficking prevention awareness video produced by Florida Faith Alliance was viewed.

Ms. Barletta directed the public to contact the Florida Faith Alliance at 888-670-

4638 with any tips about human trafficking in the community.

2. Proclaiming February as Black History Month

Mayor Gibbs Thomas directed the public to view the proclamations for Items 2, 3, and 4 online, as no one was in attendance to accept them in person.

3. Proclamation 211 Awareness Month

4. Proclamation American Heart Month

5. Sedron Technologies, Inc., Presentation

Stanley Janicki of Sedron Technologies, Inc., delivered a presentation on the proposed biosolids and septage processing site.

Council Member Hernández asked whether the noise impact would be minimal. Mr. Janicki confirmed that the noise would not be noticeable.

Council Member Hernández confirmed that Sedron would be paying taxes and noted that this would help broaden the Village's tax base as well as bring high-paying jobs to the community.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas added that the Village would be making money because it would no longer have to pay a third-party company to haul and store waste.

Council Member Dipaolo stated that when visiting the plant's Seattle location, he had met with residents there who confirmed that the plant produced no offensive noises or odors.

Public Works & Utilities Director Nolan spoke regarding the operational benefits of Sedron's plant being located near the Village's wastewater plant and elaborated on what happens to the water throughout the process.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Nycum thanked the Council Members for their hard work.

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Stone thanked all for attending.

Council Member Hernández requested information on the Village's plans for filling potholes and for repairs to Seminole Drive and Indian Mound Drive.

Public Works & Utilities Director Nolan stated that the Village is currently transitioning from

using a contractor to using its own staff to fill potholes. He advised that they are working on getting asphalt but still relying on the contractor. Regarding Seminole Drive, he stated that his department was close to going out to bid for the drainage and road repair project and that the Village should expect to see a brand-new road next year.

Council Member Hernández inquired about Lincoln Street.

Public Works & Utilities Director Nolan advised that they had received a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation for the Lincoln Street project and are in the planning stage. He stated that he would have a contract for the grant in a few weeks.

Council Member Dipaolo welcomed all in attendance.

Vice Mayor Perez thanked the Village staff for their help at the Park-It Market. She requested access to the Village's van to transport the Indiantown Middle School soccer team to four away games and volunteered to be the driver.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas volunteered to be a back-up driver.

Consensus was reached to allow Vice Mayor Perez to use the van to transport the team to away games.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas thanked the Village staff and the community for their support following her father's passing. She announced that his celebration of life would be held on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at Family Worship Center. The visitation would be held from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the service at 11:30, followed by a meal in the fellowship hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE MANAGER: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made to approve the Agenda by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Hernández and approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Hernández and approved unanimously.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of January 25, 2024
7. Acceptance of Utility Easements for Water Main Looping Project from I-Town Rail & Commerce, LLC, Martin County, and the Martin County School District
8. Approval of Rehabilitation on Well #6
9. Employment Agreement for Village Manager Taryn Kryzda

REGULAR AGENDA:

10. Council to Provide Individuals for Parks and Recreation Fact-Finding Committee

Village Manager Kryzda provided an overview of the item.

Council Member Dipaolo named Barbara Clowdus.

Council Member Hernández named Jackie Gary Clarke.

Vice Mayor Perez named Josefina Flores.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas and Council Member Stone agreed to provide names at the next meeting.

11. Authorization to Participate in and Co-Sponsor the 2024 Independence Day Fireworks Show in Cooperation with the Indiantown Chamber of Commerce

Parks Director Deborah Resos provided an overview of the item and advised that the financial commitment would be \$26,980.00.

Indiantown Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Donna Carman introduced Event Coordinator Kim Prescott.

Ms. Prescott provided more information about the event.

Ms. Carman stated that the pyrotechnic company had inquired about property in Indiantown.

Motion was made to authorize the Village of Indiantown to participate in and co-sponsor the 2024 Independence Day fireworks show by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Hernández and approved unanimously.

12. Councilman Dipaolo Requests a Change to the Village's Land Development Regulations to Address Gated Communities

Village Manager Kryzda provided an overview of the item.

Council Member Dipaolo spoke regarding the importance of updating the Land Development Regulations (LDRs) to remove language that discourages the development of gated communities.

Council Member Hernández stated that the language in the LDRs is not prohibitive and that developers could still propose gated communities.

Discussion ensued regarding the benefits and drawbacks of gated communities.

Motion was made to strike the relevant language about gated communities from the LDRs by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion died for lack of a second.

Barbara Clowdus spoke in opposition to gated communities.

Linda Nycum spoke in opposition to gated communities.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES: None

SECOND READING ORDINANCES: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Hernández announced that the Share the Love Learning Luncheon at Indiantown Middle School would be held on Friday, February 23, 2024, to benefit Indiantown high school students with scholarships and Indiantown schools with grants. Luncheon tickets would be available at \$30 per person.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas encouraged all attendees of the luncheon to purchase raffle tickets for gift baskets.

Council Member Perez announced that the Park-It Market would be held every Friday at 10:00 a.m. and that the next food drive would be on February 15, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.

Parks Director Deborah Resos noted that the Park-It Market on February 9, 2024, would begin at 9:00 a.m. and that subsequent events would be held at 10:00 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 22, 2024

ADJOURNMENT: 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:


LaRhonda McBride
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA


Susan Gibbs Thomas,
Mayor

02/22/2024
Date

