



**VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2024
6:30 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER: 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL: LaRhonda McBride, Village Clerk

PRESENT: Mayor Susan Gibbs Thomas, Vice Mayor Angelina Perez, Council Member Janet Hernández, and Council Member Carmine Dipaolo. Council Member Stone was not present.

Staff: Village Manager Taryn Kryzda, Village Attorney Wade C. Vose, Village Clerk LaRhonda McBride, Parks & Recreation Director Deborah Resos, Parks & Facilities Supervisor Brian Green, and Administrative Assistant Renae Cherry.

INVOCATION: Father Francisco

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. Proclamation Future Farmers of America Week

Mayor Gibbs Thomas read the proclamation in honor of Future Farmers of America.

The secretary and vice president of the South Fork FFA Chapter accepted the proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Nycum requested that the Council and Village staff launch the Community Trust Fund as soon as possible, hold workshops to increase voter registrations, and work with the Martin County Fire Department and the Red Cross to install free fire detectors in neighborhoods around

Indiantown.

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Hernández thanked all in attendance. She asked where the Village currently stands regarding Sedron Technologies being locked in and requested that Staff put the Sedron presentation slideshow from the last meeting online.

Village Attorney Vose stated that his office is currently reviewing a draft of the lease with Sedron.

Council Member Dipaolo thanked all in attendance.

Council Member Perez thanked Staff for working at the Park-It Market and Food Drive. She requested more volunteers to assist at the Park-It Market, noting that they serve over 200 cars each week. Interested volunteers should gather on Friday mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Village Manager Kryzda requested assistance from civic groups and other interested organizations.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas wished all a good evening. She stated that she had recently judged the Incubate Debate competition in Ft. Pierce for middle and high school students and encouraged Indiantown students to get involved in debate. Regarding appointees to the Parks & Recreation Fact-Finding Committee, she named Elias Morales and asked whether the appointees would receive guidance from Staff.

Village Manager Kryzda stated that she and Parks & Recreation Director Deborah Resos would work together to organize an initial meeting for the appointees at which time guidance would be provided.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas noted that the Community Trust Fund imposes a three-year time limit on requesting final reports from grant awardees and that this deadline was March 2024. She requested that Staff contact recipients to get those reports before March. She stated that she may have an opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., to advocate for Indiantown's marine industry and freshwater plant and would use budgeted travel money. Finally, she asked Staff to bring back information for a charter amendment referendum on council member term limits.

Village Attorney Vose agreed to do so.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Member Hernández reported that she had attended the Treasure Coast League of Cities meeting at Indian River State College. She thanked Staff for compiling a thorough report, which she stated included details of the many new developments and manufacturers coming to Indiantown. She stated that the Treasure Coast League of Cities discussed an important upcoming bill regarding county commissioner term limits, which was not expected to affect municipal elected officials, and a bill regarding ad valorem taxes, which would impact renters as taxes rise and property owners pass that cost along to tenants.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas reported that she had attended the Chamber of Commerce's Executive Board meeting at which the Chamber reviewed upcoming community events, including the Indiantown Country Hoedown on March 23, 2024, at Timer Powers Park; the kid's fishing tournament in April, limited to 150 children, each of whom would receive a new rod and reel; the July 4th celebration; and initial discussions regarding the rodeo in the fall.

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE MANAGER:

Village Manager Kryzda had no comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made to approve the Agenda by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Hernández and approved 4–0, with Council Member Stone absent.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Hernández and approved 4–0, with Council Member Stone absent.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of February 8, 2024

REGULAR AGENDA:

3. Second Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Creation of the Martin County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Village Manager Kryzda provided an overview of the item.

Beth Beltran of the Martin County Metropolitan Planning Organization provided additional information and offered to take questions.

Council Member Hernández voiced her support for the amendment.

Motion was made to approve the second amendment to the Interlocal Agreement by Council Member Hernández. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Dipaolo and approved 4–0, with Council Member Stone absent.

4. Special Event Application for Holy Cross Church's Annual Procession to be held on Good Friday.

Parks & Recreation Director Resos provided an overview of the item.

Council Member Hernández disclosed a conflict of interest resulting from her employment at Holy Cross Church and recused herself from voting on this item.

Parks & Recreation Director Resos advised that Holy Cross Church had already paid their fees and submitted their application to the Sheriff's Department.

Discussion ensued regarding the relevant clause relating to special event permits (3-5.7) in the Land Development Regulations, which allows exceptions for late applications due to extenuating circumstances.

Juan Carlos Lasso, the manager of Holy Cross Church, spoke regarding the importance of the procession as an expression of faith and apologized for submitting the application late.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas noted that the Council had denied a similar application the month prior and spoke regarding the importance of the Council being consistent in its decisions about accepting late applications.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas requested more information from Mr. Lasso regarding the circumstances that prevented the Church from submitting the application on time. Mr. Lasso stated that they had been unaware of the deadline.

Parks & Recreation Director Resos stated that there were no Special Event Applications submitted for this event in years prior.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas stated again that while she does not want to deny the Church their expression of faith, it would be unfair to grant their late application given that the Council recently denied a similar application to a different organization.

Council Member Hernández explained that the Church administration is in a period of transition and that it has never failed to submit the appropriate documentation before.

Discussion ensued regarding the fairness of the policy.

Council Member Dipaolo concurred with Mayor Gibbs Thomas.

Mr. Lasso requested that the Council consider making an exception.

The issue died for lack of a motion.

FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME <i>Hernandez Janet</i>		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE <i>Village of Indiantown Council</i>	
MAILING ADDRESS <i>PO Box 1731</i>		THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY	
CITY <i>Indiantown</i>	COUNTY <i>Martin</i>	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: <i>Village of Indiantown</i>	
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED <i>February 22, 2024</i>		MY POSITION IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE	

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also **MUST ABSTAIN** from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

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ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; and

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Janet Hernandez, hereby disclose that on February 22, 2024

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- ☐ inured to my special private gain or loss;
- ☒ inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, Employee ;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____ ;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of _____, by
whom I am retained; or
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which
is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

2-22-24

Date Filed

Janet Hernandez

Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.

Mr. Lasso asked whether he would need to come before the Council every year in the future for approval of the application.

Village Manager Kryzda stated that the Church would need to come before the Council each time because the event application includes street closures.

Linda Nycum voiced her opposition to the Council's decision and stated that the procession is to the benefit of many citizens.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES: None

SECOND READING ORDINANCES: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Vice Mayor Perez reminded all that the Park-It Market is every Friday at 10 a.m. She announced that the Indiantown Middle School soccer team's next home game would be on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 14, 2024

ADJOURNMENT: 7:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA



LaRhonda McBride
Village Clerk



Susan Gibbs Thomas,
Mayor



Date

