



**VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 28, 2024
6:30 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 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.

Staff: Village Manager Taryn Kryzda, Village Attorney Wade C. Vose, Village Clerk LaRhonda McBride, and Administrative Assistant Renae Cherry.

INVOCATION: Brother Rick Williams

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

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, PULLED ITEMS OR OTHER MODIFICATIONS:

Village Clerk McBride requested that the Agenda be modified to hear Items #8, #9, and #10 in sequential order of the Ordinance numbers.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

1. Proclamation for the Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year Award

Mayor Gibbs Thomas read the proclamation in honor of Jomar Zelaya, the Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year awardee.

Jomar Zelaya spoke regarding his time with the Boys & Girls Club.

2. Proclamation for Autism Acceptance Month

Mayor Gibbs Thomas read the proclamation in honor of Autism Acceptance Month.

Jean Wright from Warfield Elementary School accepted the proclamation and spoke regarding the importance of autism awareness for improving the community.

3. Proclamation for Water Conservation Month

Mayor Gibbs Thomas read the proclamation in honor of Water Conservation Month.

Public Works & Utilities Director Patrick Nolan accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas thanked Mr. Nolan and his department's staff.

4. Village Manager's Quarterly Departmental Update

Village Manager Kryzda introduced the item, which had been requested by Council Member Hernández.

Public Works & Utilities Director Nolan gave an overview of current public works projects. He highlighted drainage and repair projects, including roadwork in Uptown and on Seminole Drive, the Magnolia Lift Station generator installation, and the SW Lincoln Street roadway and drainage project funded by the Department of Transportation; water system projects, including working with Beaver Ecoworks to improve water quality, the water main project at Railroad Avenue, a water main looping project to connect two 12-inch mains, and a water main project at 151st Street & Osceola; and special projects, including the Sedron wastewater biosolids project and an automatic meter-reading infrastructure program to begin April 15, 2024.

Council Member Hernández requested that the Public Works Department hold a community meeting with the residents of Uptown to inform them prior to the construction phase.

Public Works & Utilities Director Nolan agreed to do so.

Council Member Hernández asked whether the Seminole Drive and Magnolia projects would soon go out to bid.

Public Works & Utilities Director Nolan confirmed that they would but that the department would likely need to prioritize water main work. He agreed to notify the community in advance and stated that they would try not to disrupt the neighborhoods.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas thanked the Public Works & Utilities team.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Dipaolo thanked all for attending.

Council Member Hernández wished all a good evening. Regarding the recent groundbreaking at Terra Lago, she noted that current residents were concerned about the number of future residents Terra Lago would bring. She suggested that the Village should engage in strategic planning and stated that the Council had not had a strategic planning meeting in several years. She stated that there is a lack of communication between the Village and its citizens and that the Council and Staff have an obligation to keep the public informed. She asked that Staff come up with new options for communication and requested more bilingual materials, such as bilingual newsletters.

Vice Mayor Perez wished all a good evening. She announced that the final Park-It Market at Village Hall would be held on March 29, 2024, before moving to a new location to be announced, and that going forward, the Food Drive would be held on the second Thursday of the month instead of the third. She thanked the Village Staff for helping with these events. She stated that Teacher Appreciation Week would be the first week of May.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas wished everyone a happy Easter weekend and thanked the Village Staff for their efforts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Member Hernández reported that at the Treasure Coast League of Cities' monthly luncheon, updates were provided on Sewall's Point, municipal water and sewer projects, and upcoming state bills that would affect the cities in the League. She stated that all members of the Council and Staff were invited to the May luncheon at the Indian River Yacht Club and advised that an ethics course through the Treasure Coast League of Cities would be available in Ft. Pierce in April.

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE MANAGER:

Village Manager Kryzda had no comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 14, 2024

REGULAR AGENDA:

6. Approval of Purchase Agreement with Beaver Ecoworks, LLC, for Trailer-Based Water Treatment Model CF12E

Village Attorney Vose provided an overview of the item.

Council Member Hernández asked whether the trailer's capacity could handle future growth.

Sanjeev Jakhete from Beaver Ecoworks advised that additional trailers could compensate for future needs.

Council Member Hernández asked how much water the Village currently uses.

Mr. Jakhete stated that the trailers are processing at approximately 60% to 70% of the capacity, and that more trailers could be added if the Village were to double or triple its usage.

Motion was made to approve the purchase agreement with Beaver Ecoworks, LLC, by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Hernández and approved unanimously.

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 002-2024:** A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE AMENDMENT TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT (FINANCIAL PROJECT NO 446657-1-84-01) TO PROVIDE FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BY APPROVING IT AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Village Manager Kryzda provided an overview of the item.

Council Member Hernández thanked the Staff and spoke regarding the importance of this service to the community.

Motion was made to approve Resolution No 002-2024 by Council Member Hernández. Motion was duly seconded by Vice Mayor Perez and approved unanimously.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES: None

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 06-2024**: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF REAL PROPERTY TOTALING 4.14 ACRES IN SIZE, LOCATED EAST OF SW 168TH AVENUE, INDIANTOWN, PARCEL ID 06-40-39-001-013-00010-1, FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI) ZONING DISTRICT TO UTILITY (U) ZONING DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Clerk's note: This item was heard as Item #10 under Additions, Deletions, Pulled Items and Other Modifications.)

Community Development Director Freeman provided an overview of the item.

Those offering testimony were sworn in by Village Clerk McBride.

Jose Delcarpio asked why the zoning district would be changed and whether it would affect his property.

Community Development Director Freeman explained that mixed land-use designations and zoning makes site plan development more complicated and advised that Mr. Delcarpio's property would be unchanged.

Motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 06-2024 on second reading by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Vice Mayor Perez and approved unanimously.

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 02-2024**: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA, ANNEXING BY VOLUNTARY PETITION CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TOTALING 116.16 ACRES IN SIZE, LOCATED AT SOUTH OF SW CITRUS BOULEVARD, NORTH OF SW KANNER HIGHWAY, AND IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE EXISTING BOUNDARIES OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, PARCEL ID 03-40-39-000-000-00030-2, 02-40-39-000-000-00050-9, AND 35-39-39-9000-000-00040-4, WHICH PROPERTY IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE VILLAGE OF

INDIANTOWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION PROVISIONS OF SECTION 171.044, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND OTHER CONTROLLING LAW; REDEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN TO INCLUDE SAID PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND A MAP; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND NOTICE TO APPROPRIATE AGENCIES; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, CONFLICTS, NON-CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Clerk's note: This item was heard as Item #8 under Additions, Deletions, Pulled Items and Other Modifications.)

Village Attorney Vose stated for the record the quasi-judicial nature of the proceedings.

Those offering testimony were sworn in by Village Clerk McBride.

Village Clerk McBride confirmed that the application had been properly advertised.

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Council Members.

The Council Members confirmed that they had disclosed relevant ex-parte communications at the previous meeting.

Community Development Director Deanna Freeman provided an overview of the item.

The applicant's representative Dan Romence offered to take any questions.

Motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 02-2024 on second reading by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Hernández and approved unanimously.

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 05-2024**: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A SMALL-SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TOTALING 4.14 ACRES IN SIZE, LOCATED EAST OF SW 168TH AVENUE, INDIANTOWN, PARCEL ID 06-40-39-001-013-00010-1, FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO UTILITY LAND USE DESIGNATION; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Clerk's note: This item was heard as Item #9 under Additions, Deletions, Pulled Items and Other Modifications.)

Village Clerk McBride confirmed that the application had been properly advertised.

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Council Members.

Regarding ex-parte communications, Village Attorney Vose stated that all members of the Council had communicated with Village Staff.

Community Development Director Freeman provided an overview of the item.

Pascual Francisco asked about the project timeline.

Community Development Director Freeman provided an overview of the next steps for the project.

Council Member Hernández asked when construction would begin.

Community Development Director Freeman stated that approval could be achieved within the next few months and building permitting would follow.

Motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 05-2024 on second reading by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Vice Mayor Perez and approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

11. Discussion on Code Enforcement

Village Manager Kryzda provided an overview of the item, requesting permission to add a new code enforcement officer and purchase a truck for that employee. She stated that she had discussed a new citation program with Village Attorney Vose that would allow the Village to cite renters as well as property owners.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas asked whether landowners receive notice when tenants are issued a citation.

Village Attorney Vose described the code enforcement citation process and noted that the violator who must go before the magistrate is the property owner. He stated that citations can be issued to tenants in some municipalities, such as the City of Stuart, but it would require an ordinance.

Vice Mayor Perez asked whether the new code enforcement officer would be bilingual.

Village Manager Kryzda stated that they would seek a bilingual candidate.

Vice Mayor Perez requested that code enforcement communications be made available in English, Spanish, and Creole.

Council Member Hernández asked whether letters regarding violations are available in Spanish.

Village Manager Kryzda replied that she did not know.

Village Attorney Vose stated that the Council could mandate this.

Council Member Hernández suggested communicating violations to both the occupants and the property owners in order to avoid confusion.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas voiced support for the purchase of a vehicle for the new code enforcement officer.

Motion was made to approve to hire new Code Enforcement Officer and purchase a truck by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Vice Mayor Perez and approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Vice Mayor Perez announced that the Park-It Market on March 29, 2024, would require more volunteers. She stated that Project Graduation on May 16, 2024, would need sponsors to provide money and/or time. She requested that the Village organize a parade for graduating seniors.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 11, 2024

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 pm.

ATTEST:

LaRhonda McBride

LaRhonda McBride
Village Clerk

04/11/2024
Date



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