



**VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2024
6:30 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL: LaRhonda McBride, Village Clerk

PRESENT: Mayor Susan Gibbs Thomas, Council Member Janet Hernández, and Council Member Carmine Dipaolo. Vice Mayor Angelina Perez was absent.

Staff: Village Manager Taryn Kryzda, Village Attorney Wade C. Vose, Parks & Recreation Director Deborah Resos, Public Works & Utilities Director Patrick Nolan, Finance Director Michael Florio, Village Clerk LaRhonda McBride, and Administrative Assistant Renae Cherry.

Motion was made to excuse the absence of Vice Mayor Perez by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Hernández and approved unanimously.

INVOCATION: Pastor Mike Pascual

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. Martin County Fire Rescue Quarterly Report by District Chief Shell

District Chief Joshua Shell with Martin County Fire Rescue provided the quarterly report on calls to the department, motor vehicle accidents, and road closures.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas noted there was currently smoke in the air and asked

where it was coming from.

Chief Shell stated that the smoke was likely coming from a 20-acre brush fire burning near Allapatah Road.

Council Member Dipaolo asked how many transports there were this quarter out of the total number of calls.

Chief Shell replied that he would need to check the records.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas requested that Chief Shell include the number of transports in future quarterly reports.

2. Presentation by Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council on Strategic Planning

Kim Delaney from the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council discussed how strategic planning could benefit the Village of Indiantown.

Discussion ensued regarding when the Village Council last held a strategic planning workshop.

Council Member Dipaolo requested a workshop be scheduled.

Dr. Delaney explained that while it varies from government to government, many local governments hold annual strategic planning meetings.

Council Member Hernández highlighted the importance of strategic planning for the future of the Village and requested annual meetings.

The Village Council directed Staff to schedule a workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tarrah Lowry, president of the non-profit Trustbridge Hospice, requested a letter of support for Trustbridge to extend into Martin County with a location in Indiantown that would offer hospice services, palliative care, and mobile clinics.

Village Manager Kryzda stated that Village Attorney Vose's office would review Ms. Lowry's request.

Martin County Commissioner Harold Jenkins spoke regarding the Martin County Community Land Trust.

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Gibbs Thomas apologized to the public and to Council Member Dipaolo for not allowing him to speak at the prior meeting.

Council Member Hernández wished all a good evening and thanked the Staff for arranging the strategic planning presentation. She stated that her appointee for the fact-finding committee would be on medical leave and that a temporary appointee, Heidi Dove, would fill in.

Council Member Dipaolo thanked all in attendance and stated that he was looking forward to the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked whether the Village would need to hold a workshop to initiate changes to the Land Development Regulations (LDR), specifically relating to special event permits.

Village Attorney Vose stated that his office was drafting changes that could be discussed at the next meeting. For broader changes to the LDRs, he advised a formal discussion.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas requested that Staff add an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss proposed changes to the LDRs.

Council Member Dipaolo asked whether the Council would review the ordinances one by one.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas replied that they should first review specific issues and then conduct a line-by-line review.

Discussion ensued regarding next steps.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

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 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.

3. Approve Repair Work to the Exterior Staircase at Big Mound Park

Council Member Hernández asked whether Staff had done a price comparison for the repairs in Items #3 and #4.

Parks & Recreation Director Resos stated that she had solicited quotes from three different companies and chosen the most affordable credible company.

4. Approve Repair Work to the Deck at Big Mound Park Front Restroom
5. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of March 28, 2024
6. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 28, 2024

Linda Nycum requested greater transparency with Consent Agenda items.

REGULAR AGENDA:

7. Approval of Agreement for Plan Review Services and Miscellaneous Engineering Assistance with Kimley-Horn and Associates in an Amount not to Exceed \$80,000.00 Annually.

Public Works & Utilities Director Nolan provided an overview of the item and introduced Tom Jensen with Kimley-Horn.

Mr. Jensen explained that the contract amount had increased due to an increase in projects. He clarified that the contract amount is merely a maximum; if the Village does not require services totaling \$80,000.00, it would not be required to use the full amount.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas thanked Mr. Nolan and Mr. Jensen for their hard work.

Motion was made to approve the agreement with Kimley-Horn by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Hernández and approved unanimously.

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 003-2024:** A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A STATE APPROPRIATION OF \$550,000.00 AND APPROVING THE STATE FUNDED GRANT AGREEMENT (SFGA) FOR DRAINAGE AND ROADWAY REPAIR DESIGN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Works & Utilities Director Nolan provided an overview of the item.

Council Member Hernández inquired into the timeline of the item.

Public Works & Utilities Director Nolan explained that his office first needs to have an engineering report approved by the State before putting the project out to bid.

Motion was made to approve Resolution No. 003-2024 by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Hernández and approved unanimously.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES: None

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 07-2024**: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA, CREATING ARTICLE VIII, "WATER CONSERVATION - LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION," OF CHAPTER 40, "UTILITIES", OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANDATORY YEAR-ROUND LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION CONSERVATION MEASURES RULE OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (CHAPTER 40E-24, F.A.C.); PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICABILITY OF THE ARTICLE; PROVIDING THE LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SCHEDULE; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS TO THE LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR A REQUIREMENT TO OPERATE TECHNOLOGY THAT INHIBITS OR INTERRUPTS AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM DURING PERIODS OF SUFFICIENT MOISTURE; PROVIDING FOR VARIANCES FROM THE SPECIFIC DAY OF THE WEEK LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Village Attorney Vose provided an overview of the item.

Motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 07-2024 on second reading by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Hernández and approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gibbs Thomas reminded everyone of the meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2024, and announced that on the same day, the Chamber of Commerce would host a children's fishing tournament, with over 150 participants.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 25, 2024

ADJOURNMENT: 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

LaRhonda McBride

LaRhonda McBride
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA

Susan Gibbs Thomas

Susan Gibbs Thomas,
Mayor

4.25.2024

Date





The Martin County Community Land Trust

Martin County community members have come together to form The Martin County Community Land Trust.

We are a collaborative effort that brings together community leaders and local governments, including the City of Stuart and Martin County. Led by a volunteer board of directors, the Martin County Community Land Trust accepts donations of public and private lands and, using donated funds from the private sector, purchases land and houses in Martin County.

The Martin County Community Land Trust works with our clients, builders and other nonprofits to bring new housing units to our properties and then sells or leases the units at affordable prices.

We screen prospective buyers and renters to assure that affordable housing options are offered to people who need them most, families at 50% to 80% of the area's median income that might otherwise not be able to afford a home in a safe neighborhood with amenities such as good schools.

Because the Martin County Community Land Trust continues to own the land, the community can be assured that affordable housing will remain affordable.

A Winning Model for Affordable Housing

Through the Martin County Community Land Trust, the public and private sectors come together in partnership to benefit the community for the long run. Working families will be able to access affordable housing, leading to greater stability, racial equity, economic mobility, and improved health outcomes.

Learn more about the
Martin County Community Land Trust
by visiting our website at www.mcclt.org



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The Martin County Community Land Trust is a member
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a program of the Florida Housing Coalition.



**Working Together
To Improve Lives
through
Investment in
Affordable Housing
Solutions**



A Housing Crisis

The high cost of buying and selling homes has created a housing crisis in communities across Florida – and here in Martin County.

- Housing prices have increased.
- Demand is greater than supply.
- Working families struggle to afford a down payment and pay a monthly mortgage that consumes too large a percentage of their income.
- Rental units are hard to find and rents are often beyond the financial ability of working families, especially those in service industries.

A Solution: The Community Land Trust

A Community Land Trust is an alternative way to provide long-term affordable housing for residents who aren't being served well by the traditional model of buying and selling homes.

It invests funds to create long-term benefits for the community. Community Land Trusts ensure long-term affordability for renters and homeowners by separating ownership of the land from the structure on top of it.

How a Community Land Trust Works

