



**VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2025
6:00 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: LaRhonda McBride, Village Clerk

PRESENT: Mayor Carmine Dipaolo, Vice Mayor Angelina Perez, Council Member Vernestine Williams Palmer, and Council Member Phyllis Waters Brown. Council Member Karen Onsager attended via Zoom. *Staff:* Village Manager Taryn Kryzda, Village Attorney Wade C. Vose, Public Works & Utilities Director Patrick Nolan, Finance Director Michael Florio, Community and Economic Development Director Deanna Freeman, Village Clerk LaRhonda McBride, and Administrative Assistant Renae Cherry.

INVOCATION: Brother Dylan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Dipaolo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, PULLED ITEMS OR OTHER MODIFICATIONS: None

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

1. Proclamation to Celebrate Literacy Week

Village Clerk McBride presented the proclamation to celebrate Literacy Week.

Kiana Kelly accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Children's Services Council of Martin County and spoke regarding the importance of literacy for children.

Mayor Dipaolo asked Ms. Kelly what kind of support was most needed by the Children's Services Council.

Ms. Kelly stated that they are most in need of volunteers and parent engagement to assist with events. She described the literacy program at Port Salerno Elementary School and invited all to attend a free Celebrate Literacy kick-off event on Saturday, January 25, 2025, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the 10th Street Community Center in East Stuart.

2. Introduction to Emergency Management presented by Amy Heimberger Lopez, Deputy Director of Martin County Board of County Commissioners

Public Works & Utilities Director Nolan introduced Amy Heimberger Lopez.

Ms. Heimberger Lopez gave a presentation on Martin County's Local Mitigation Strategy.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barbara Clowdus requested a designated time for public comment at the end of each meeting and spoke regarding emergency notification systems.

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Waters Brown thanked all for attending. She announced that the Housing Solution Council's homebuyer's workshop would be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Village Hall to help get members of the community ready to buy or rent the new homes being developed. She stated that she had attended the Martin County Community Health Assessment Orientation to discuss the needs of the community as well as the Chamber of Commerce Officer Installation Dinner on Thursday, January 16, 2025. She announced that the I-town My Town Community Clean-Up would take place on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at 7:00 a.m. Volunteers can report either to Post Family Park or the Booker Park Recreation Center. The event would conclude around 11:00 a.m. with a breakfast served to the volunteers. Finally, she invited all to attend a free steel drums music event on Sunday, January 26, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Perez thanked Mayor Dipaolo and Village Manager Kryzda for attending Indiantown High School's first graduation ceremony.

Council Member Williams Palmer wished all a good evening.

Mayor Dipaolo deferred his comments.

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 Waters Brown. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Williams Palmer and approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Council Member Williams Palmer. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Waters Brown and approved unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of January 9, 2025

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. Piggybacking a Contract for Building Official Plan Review and Inspection Services and Adoption of Fees with C.A.P. GOVERNMENT INC

Village Manager Kryzda provided an overview of the item.

Discussion ensued regarding the benefits to the Village of working with the proposed company.

Motion was made to approve the contract by Council Member Williams Palmer. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Waters Brown and approved unanimously.

5. Approval of Second Amendment to Developer Agreement with Skyfarm Strategic Capital, LLC

Village Attorney Vose provided an overview of the item.

Discussion ensued regarding the rate increase.

Motion was made to approve the Second Amendment to Developer Agreement with Skyfarm Strategic Capital, LLC, by Council Member Waters Brown. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Williams Palmer and approved unanimously.

6. **Application No. SP-25-002:** Approving a Minor Modification to a Previously Approved Major Site Plan for River Oak Residential Development

Community & Economic Development Director Freeman provided an overview of the item.

River Oak representative Harold James Rusbridge offered to take questions from the Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the project timeline and the conditions of issuing a building permit.

Motion was made to approve Application No. SP-25-002 by Council Member Waters Brown. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Williams Palmer and approved unanimously.

7. Annual Performance Evaluation for Village Manager

Village Manager Kryzda provided an overview of the item.

Mayor Dipaolo provided positive feedback regarding the Village Manager's performance and noted that her relationship with Martin County had benefitted the Village.

Council Member Williams Palmer requested that Village Manager Kryzda compile a list of her accomplishments in the last year for the public and thanked her for all her hard work.

Village Manager Kryzda noted that all of her accomplishments were group efforts by the Staff.

Vice Mayor Perez thanked Village Manager Kryzda for all she does for the Village.

Council Member Waters Brown requested that each Council Member produce a formal written evaluation of the Village Manager.

Council Member Onsager concurred with Council Member Waters Brown.

Discussion ensued regarding how evaluations are conducted at the County level and the benefits of having a formal evaluation protocol.

Village Attorney Vose advised that personnel evaluations are required to be made available to the public upon request.

Discussion ensued regarding whether to hold meetings between the Village Manager and individual Council Members to discuss feedback and potential protocols for evaluation.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 02-2025**: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA, REVISING AND RESTATING THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN PERSONNEL REGULATIONS, RETITLED AS THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN HUMAN RESOURCES POLICY MANUAL; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, NON-CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Village Manager Kryzda provided an overview of the item.

Village Attorney Vose spoke regarding how the personnel regulations in the Village have changed over time.

Council Member Waters Brown requested access to the marked-up version of the updated document in order to see the changes made.

Discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of an employee education program, the ongoing pay rate study, and whether new developments would attract employees in the coming years.

Motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 02-2025 on first reading by Council Member Waters Brown. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Williams Palmer and approved unanimously.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 01-2025**: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 40, "UTILITIES," ARTICLE VII, "WATER AND WASTEWATER CAPITAL CONNECTION FEES," SECTION 40-201, "RATES OF CAPITAL CONNECTION FEES; TIME OF PAYMENT," OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES; ADOPTING REVISED GALLONS PER DAY SPECIFICATIONS FOR WATER EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL CONNECTIONS; ADOPTING RELATED ADJUSTMENTS; 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. 01-2025 on second reading by Council Member Williams Palmer. Motion was duly seconded by Vice Mayor Perez and approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

10. Discussion on Strategic Planning Session Date and Time

Village Manager Kryzda provided an overview of the item. She suggested holding the Strategic Planning Session on a Saturday in March to allow the Council enough time to first have conversations with members of the community about their needs.

Discussion ensued regarding a possible date and time.

Consensus was reached to hold the Strategic Planning Session on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Dipaolo requested support from the Council to attend the legislative session in Tallahassee from March 24-26, 2025, at which he planned to request funding for the Village's water plant.

All members of the Council agreed that Mayor Dipaolo should attend.

Mayor Dipaolo requested that the Council Members nominate members of the Indiantown business community to serve on the Business Development Board.

Council Member Onsager nominated Kevin Powers.

Council Member Williams Palmer suggested that each Council Member nominate one person.

Mayor Dipaolo advised that the Board meets once a month on a Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at the Children's Council on Central Boulevard in Stuart.

Discussion ensued regarding whether to appoint Community and Economic Development Director Freeman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Vice Mayor Perez announced that the next Park-It Market would be held on Friday, January 30, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in Big Mound Park. She added that registration is open for Indiantown High School's 2025–2026 school year.


Council Member Waters Brown reminded all to attend the Community Clean-Up.

Village Manager Kryzda announced that a cold weather shelter would be opening the following evening at the Gertrude Walden Center, as temperatures were expected to drop to 40 and below.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 13, 2025

ADJOURNMENT: 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:


LaRhonda McBride
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA


Carmine Dipaolo,
Mayor

02/13/2025
Date

