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**Meeting Name:** Town Council Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** February 28, 2024  
**Prepared By:** C. Copeland-Rodriguez, Town Clerk  
**Item Title:** Discussion on Donations, Foundations, and Organizations

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## **DISCUSSION:**

Per the direction of Council at the December 13, 2023, Town Council meeting: *Council gave unanimous consensus to include a discussion on donations, foundations, and organizations on a future agenda.*

### **Donations:**

Effective November 15, 2023, the Town Council approved Resolution No. 2023-21 - Donation Policy (*see attachment #1*).

### **Foundations:**

- Juno Beach Police Foundation: In 2018, the Town Council approved sponsorship of the Juno Beach Police Foundation with an appropriate disclaimer. The foundation has been very active in supporting our Police Department.
- Frenchman's Creek Charity Foundation, Inc.: For several years, this foundation has been actively providing grants not only to the Town of Juno Beach but to Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center, Jupiter Medical Center, Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, City of Palm Beach Gardens, Town of Jupiter, and many more. This yearly grant opportunity is geared towards public safety, recreational, and public improvements. In the past, the Town had received grant funding from this foundation for the Town's new marquee, all terrain utility vehicles, portable message boards, etc.

### **Organizations:**

In the past, the Town followed a policy on sponsoring local organizations if the Town is monetarily involved or contributing services. Sponsoring includes posting events on the Bulletin Board, Newsletter, Town Calendar, Marquee, and website; and assisting with event/meeting setup. The organizations that are currently sponsored by the Town are Juno Beach Civic Association, Friends of the Arts, and Juno Beach Historical Society.

Town staff receive requests from sponsored organizations and unsponsored organizations to post their materials, promote their events, assist with zooming events, setting up for events, store items for events, etc.

Since 2020, organizations such as the Juno Beach Civic Association have been using other facilities for their events, however, still request assistance from the Town in utilizing the Town's services and materials such as Police, Public Works, tables and chairs, storage, advertising, etc.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1) Town Staff recommends that the Town Council continue to have staff follow and utilize the donation policy for any incoming donations.
- 2) Town Staff recommends that the Town continue to participate in sending request letters to Frenchman's Creek Charity Foundation, Inc. for grant opportunities towards public safety, recreational, and public improvements.
- 3) Town staff recommends that the Town Council consider a documented recognition of organizations that the council wishes to be involved with. For instance, a resolution per organization stating the benefits to the Town and outlining what the town and the organization do for one another.