



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 25, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Council Chambers – 340 Ocean Drive and YouTube

PRESENT: ALEXANDER COOKE, MAYOR
PEGGY WHEELER, VICE MAYOR
MARIANNE HOSTA, VICE MAYOR PRO TEM
ELAINE K. COTRONAKIS, COUNCILMEMBER
DD HALPERN, COUNCILMEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: DAVID DYESS, TOWN MANAGER
LEONARD RUBIN, TOWN ATTORNEY
CAITLIN E. COPELAND-RODRIGUEZ, TOWN CLERK
FRANK DAVILA, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ZONING
ISABELLA HICKEY, PLANNING TECHNICIAN
ANDREA DOBBINS, PROJECT COORDINATOR/RISK MANAGER

AUDIENCE: 36

CALL TO ORDER – 5:30PM

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Council gave consensus to move Item #15 up to Item #10A.

PRESENTATIONS – None

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER, THE TOWN ATTORNEY, AND STAFF

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

All Non-Agenda items are limited to three (3) minutes. Anyone wishing to speak is asked to complete a comment card with their name and address prior to the start of the meeting as well as state their name and address for the record when called upon to speak (prior to addressing the Town Council). Town Council will not discuss these items at this time. Comments needing a reply will be referred to Staff for research; a report will be forwarded to the Town Council; and citizens will be contacted.

Public Comments Opened at 5:37pm.

Public Comments Closed at 5:39pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Town Council Meeting Minutes for September 27, 2023
2. Proclamation – Veterans Day
3. Special Event Request – 2023 Holiday Boat Parade
4. Special Event Request – North Pole Christmas Tree Event
5. Special Event Request – Holy Spirit Lutheran Christmas Eve Service on the Pier
6. Resolution No. 2023-19 – Participation Agreement with Palm Beach County for Publication of Legal Notices on County Designated Publicly Accessible Website
7. Asset Disposals
8. Monthly Balance Sheets

MOTION: Cotronakis/Wheeler made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS - Public Hearing was Opened for each item below.

9. Consider Code Enforcement Fine/Lien Reduction

MOTION: Halpern made a motion to deny the request for fine/lien reduction.

ACTION: Motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION: Wheeler/Hosta made a motion to reduce the total amount of certified fines by 50% and add the incurred costs of the Town (\$1,451.10) to be paid within 15 days.

ACTION: The motion passed 3-2 with Mayor Cooke and Councilmember Halpern opposed.

10. Kagan Park Playground Vendor Selection – Councilmember Halpern presented pictures of local parks (see attached).

MOTION: Cotronakis/Halpern made a motion to select Kompan as the vendor for the Kagan Park Playground equipment.

ACTION: The motion passed 4-1 with Mayor Cooke opposed.

- 10A. Discussion on Annexation

Council gave unanimous consensus to have staff continue to pursue the Captain's Key neighborhood for voluntary annexation.

11. Special Event Request – Community Cookout Trick or Treat Trail

Mayor Cooke recused himself from discussion and vote on this item.

MOTION: Halpern/Wheeler made a motion to approve the special event request and waive the staff service fees but have the applicant responsible for remainder of the fees as stated on the application.

ACTION: The motion passed 4-0.

Council gave unanimous consensus to have the live music limited to acoustic per the Town's noise ordinance.

Council gave unanimous consensus to have a discussion on setting a policy for special event requests on a future agenda.

12. First Reading -- Ordinance No. 772 creating Audit Oversight Committee

MOTION: Halpern/Hosta made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 772 on first reading as revised.

ACTION: The motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Cotronakis opposed.

13. Charter Amendment Ordinances – First Reading (Ordinance No. 773-777)

MOTION: Halpern/Wheeler made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 773 on first reading.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Cotronakis/Halpern made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 774 on first reading.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Halpern/Cotronakis made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 775 on first reading.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Halpern/Wheeler made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 776 on first reading.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Halpern/Cotronakis made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 777 on first reading as revised.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Cooke recessed the meeting at 8:30pm.

Mayor Cooke reconvened the meeting at 8:35pm.

14. Discussion – Council Compensation

MOTION: Halpern/Hosta made a motion to have the Town Attorney draft an ordinance to approve a uniformed compensation of \$8,400 equally for all the members of Council with a 2% annual increase.

(In accordance with the Town Charter, council salary shall become effective after the date of commencement of the terms of the Council members elected at the next regular election.)

ACTION: The motion passed 3-2 with Vice Mayor Wheeler and Councilmember Cotronakis opposed.

16. Board/Committee Application

MOTION: Halpern/Hosta made a motion to approve the application format.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

17. Discussion on Donations for Veterans Organization

Council gave unanimous consensus to have staff work with resident Ken Craig on organizing an annual donation to a veteran flight.

18. Setting A Workshop Date for Mars Way Traffic Options and Paid Parking Discussion

Council gave unanimous consensus to have a Workshop on Mars Way Traffic Options and discussion on paid parking on January 8, 2024 from 3pm-5pm.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Council gave unanimous consensus to have a presentation on upcoming grant opportunities and pending applications on the next agenda; and have a community engagement session on the Kagan Park Playground Equipment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cooke adjourned the meeting at 9:48pm.

Alexander Cooke, Mayor

Caitlin E. Copeland-Rodriguez, Town Clerk