

Regular Village Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 27, 2009
7PM

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Joyce A. Davis called the Regular Council meeting for January 27, 2009 to order at 7:08pm.
- B. **SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE:** Mayor Davis asked all to stand for a moment of silent meditation followed by the pledge of allegiance.
- C. **ROLL CALL:** The Village Clerk was asked to read the roll call sheet. The following were noted as present/absent:

Present: Mayor Joyce A. Davis
Councilperson Linda Marcus
Councilperson Daisy Black
Councilperson Claudia Cubillos

Also Present: Jason Walker, Village Manager
Joseph S. Geller, Village Attorney (arrived after roll call)
Larry S. March, Code Enforcement Officer
Albertha W. Patterson, Village Clerk

Absent: Vice Mayor Harold E. Mathis, Jr.

- D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mayor Davis added to the agenda under New Business: L1: Reopen Code Enforcement Compliance and L2: Renaming 87th Street. Councilperson Black moved that the Agenda be approved as amended. Councilperson Marcus seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING:** Councilperson Black moved that the minutes for the December 23, 2008 Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented. Councilperson Cubillos seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS AND/OR SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** Mayor Davis recognized the presence of Fire Chief Jeff Cole and the Miami Herald Reporter.
- G. **GOOD AND WELFARE:** None noted.
(Note: This section of the agenda is reserved in the spirit of a representative democracy “of, by, and for people” and is specifically provided as a mechanism for the input and solutions on matters of concern of Villagers. We request that comments be limited to 3 MINUTES PER PERSON, and that speakers and the audience maintain proper decorum at-large. The speaker should keep to only issues on agenda.)
- H. **AGENDA ITEMS:** None noted.

I. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

Resolution No. 2009- 001

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL, FLORIDA, JOINING IN TO ENCOURAGE THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE DIVERSION PILOT PROGRAM; ENCOURAGING ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ADOPT SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS; AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

Councilperson Black moved that Resolution No. 2009-001 be approved. Councilperson Marcus seconded the motion. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote of 4-0.

Resolution No. 2009-002

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE RESOURCE GUIDE (“SARG”) PARTNERSHIP, A MULTI-COALITION PARTNERSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR THE PREVENTION OF UNDERAGE DRINKING IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

It was agreed that Resolution No. 2009-002 be tabled for additional information. A need to determine if there would be a cost impact to the Village.

J. REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE MANAGER, & COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

J1. Report from the Village Manager – Jason M. Walker: The Village Manager reported on the following items:

1. Stormwater Phase 2 Project
 - a. Pre-Bid Conference Meeting scheduled February 10, 2009
 - b. Closure of Bids will be February 17, 2009
 - c. Recommendation to Council in Special Meeting scheduled for March 10, 2009 at 7pm.
2. Seawall project –flood mitigation
3. Meeting with City Managers Association
4. Meeting with Craig Smith
5. Meeting in Miami Shores with Assistant County Manager Alina Hudak and Fire Chief Concerning the Fire Assessment fee of possible \$20.00 that will yield \$20 million.

J1. Village Managers Report continued:

6. Special Masters Hearing held today (1/27/09) at 2pm on Code Enforcement issues.
7. FEMA letter submitted for national flood insurance association.
8. Kimberly Horn Association assistance requested.
9. Bid/Proposal with Villa & Son concerning CITT funds for 87 Street.
10. Lien search—received ten requests in one week.
11. Banners: Manager will submit recommendations to replace present banners.
12. Auditors are due the week of February 2, 2009. They are asking that Council return the unrelated party letters.

J2. Committee Chair Reports:

- a. Administration & Finance Committee – Chairperson Mathis, Jr.
Vice Chairperson Black provided the Committee report in the absence of Chairperson Mathis, Jr. Vice Chairperson Black stated the meeting was held on January 13, 2009 at 6:30pm. The committee reviewed the items on the tracking report. Discussion on the start date for election in 2010 was requested by the Elections Department with no solution provided.
- b. Public Safety – Chairperson Davis reported that the Public Safety committee meeting was held January 13, 2009 at 7pm. The committee reviewed all of the items on the tracking report. Chairperson Davis also talked with Chief Morales about instituting a door knocker program for the elder citizens in the Village.
- c. Planning & Zoning – Chairperson Davis reported that the Planning and Zoning committee meeting was held January 14, 2009 at 6:30pm. The committee reviewed the items on the tracking report.
- d. Code Enforcement – Chairperson Marcus reported that the Code Enforcement committee meeting was held January 14, 2009 at 7pm. The committee reviewed the items on the tracking report.
- e. Public Works – Chairperson Black reported that the Public Works committee meeting was held January 12, 2009 at 7pm. The committee reviewed the items on the tracking report.
- f. Public Affairs – Chairperson Cubillos reported that the Public Affairs committee meeting was held January 12, 2009 at 6:30pm. The committee reviewed the items on the tracking report. Chairperson Cubillos also stated the other events that were suggested as events during the year.

J3. Legal Matters – Attorney Joseph S. Geller reported on the second Special Masters Hearing that was held earlier today. Attorney Geller stated the Village was represented by Attorney Fisher. A report was given that all went well.

K. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS:** None noted.

L. **NEW BUSINESS:**

L1. Reopen Code Enforcement Compliance: Mayor Davis asked that Villagers be encouraged to apply for this program. This is an on-going program.

L2. Renaming 87th Street: Mayor Davis suggested that northeast 87th Street be renamed to Barack H. Obama Blvd. Councilperson Marcus suggested that this process be delayed since it is a short time in the new president's term. Councilperson Cubillos concurred. Councilperson Marcus stated she would like to get the Villagers' opinion on the street name change. Councilperson Marcus recommended that the council obtain the Villagers' opinion during one of the cleanups.

M. **GOOD AND WELFARE:** (Note: This section of the agenda is reserved in the spirit of a representative democracy "of, by, and for people" and is specifically provided as a mechanism for the input and solutions on matters of concern of Villagers. We request that comments be limited to 3 MINUTES PER PERSON, and that speakers and the audience maintain proper decorum at-large. The speaker should keep to only issues on agenda.)

Ms. Kathy Emory of 1050 NE 91 Street asked that the procedure for the notification of violation be changed. Ms. Emory would like for her concern on this issue to be placed on the next Code Enforcement committee meeting. Councilperson Marcus as chairperson of the committee approved.

N. **ADJOURNMENT:** Councilperson Black moved that the Regular Council meeting be adjourned. Councilperson Cubillos seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Albertha Wilks Patterson, Village Clerk

Date Transcribed: February 12, 2009

Date Approved: February 24, 2009