

Regular Village Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 23, 2009
7PM

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Joyce A. Davis called the Regular Council meeting for June 23, 2009 to order at 7:05pm.
- 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
Vice Mayor Harold E. Mathis, Jr.
Councilperson Daisy Black
Councilperson Claudia Cubillos

Also Present: Jason Walker, Village Manager
Chief Eugene Morales
Joseph S. Geller, Village Attorney (arrived after roll call)
Albertha W. Patterson, Village Clerk

Absent: Councilperson Linda Marcus

- D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mayor Davis removed item H1: Tracking Report from the Agenda.
Motion was made by Vice Mayor Mathis, Jr. that the Regular Village Council meeting agenda be approved with the stated amendments. Councilperson Black seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING:** There were minutes to approve due to the recording system malfunction.
- F. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS AND/OR SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**
F1. Mayor Davis recognized the Batt. 3, Chief Cole and thanked him for his continued support.

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G. GOOD AND WELFARE: None noted.

H. AGENDA ITEMS: None.

I. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

I1. Resolution No. 2009-017 FEC Corridor Project Intercity Rail – Mayor Davis

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF
EL PORTAL, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE
OF GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST AND THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY
KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL
COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT
(FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE
FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR
THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Councilperson Black moved that Resolution No. 2009-017 be approved. Vice Mayor Mathis, Jr. seconded the motion. Resolution No. 2009-017 was approved by roll call vote of 4-0. Councilperson Linda Marcus was absent.

I2. Resolution No. 2009-018 Phase 3 - Village Manager Walker

Phase 3 Proposed Scope of Services and Proposed Fee for
Professional Engineering Services For Phase 3 Design and
Construction Services.

Councilperson Black moved that Resolution No. 2009-018 be approved. Vice Mayor Mathis, Jr. seconded the motion. Resolution No. 2009-018 was approved by roll call vote of 4-0. Councilperson Linda Marcus was absent.

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

- J1. Village Manager Report – Village Manager Jason Walker reported on the following:
- a. Received the approval from SFWM to get reimbursement. The final request will be heard during the District 4 meeting on August 19, 2009.
 - b. Sent a letter to the State requesting an extension for funds to be spent on the Seawall.
 - c. Met with Corradino Group as a follow-up on the request to obtain a revision of Chapter 17 and 24 of the code.
 - d. Will meet next with the attorney for MG3

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- e. The mobile library will be here at Village Hall every Friday from 2pm until 3pm. We will loose this if it is not used.
- f. Should receive the final numbers on July 1, 2009 for the budget. He would like to hold an update meeting at that time. The Village is scheduled to loose 14.8%, which is equivalent to \$150,000 from this year's budget as compared to last year's budget. This meeting could possibly be held at the July Administration and Finance committee meeting.
- g. Settled three code enforcement complaint fines that should total \$21,000.
- h. The July 4th event is being prepared for that Saturday.
- i. The previous completion date for Northeast Second Avenue has been moved back. The new completion date is closer to the end of August.
- j. The traffic study will be done 30 days after the construction on Second Avenue is completed.
- k. Council approved the new accounts to be opened and it has been done.

J2. Committee Chairs Reports

- a. Administration & Finance Committee – Chairperson Mathis, Jr./Vice Chair Black
Chairperson Mathis, Jr. reported that there was no meeting held this month.
Next meeting will be July 14, 2009 at 6:30pm
- b. Public Safety – Chairperson Davis/Vice Chair Mathis, Jr.
Chairperson Davis reported that there was no meeting held this month.
Next meeting will be July 14, 2009 at 7pm
- c. Planning & Zoning – Chairperson Davis/Vice Chair Mathis, Jr.
Chairperson Davis reported that there was no meeting held this month.
Next meeting will be July 15, 2009 at 6:30pm
- d. Code Enforcement – Chairperson Marcus/Vice Chair Cubillos
Vice Chairperson Cubillos reported (in the absence of the Chair.) there was no meeting held this month.
Next meeting will be July 15, 2009 at 7pm
- e. Public Works – Chairperson Black/Vice Chair Marcus
Chairperson Black reported there was no meeting held this month.
Next meeting will be July 13, 2009 at 7pm.
Councilperson Black also announced that Representative Ronald Brise has scheduled two workshops to discuss how the new laws apply to us. Councilperson Black urged all to attend the meeting because he is also scheduled to discuss insurance issues. One was held tonight and the other will be tomorrow (June 24, 2009) evening at 6:30pm at the Legion Park Community Park (6447 NE 7th Avenue).
- f. Public Affairs – Chairperson Cubillos/Vice Chair Davis
Next meeting will be July 13, 2009 at 6:30pm

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K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS: None noted

L. NEW BUSINESS: None Noted

M. GOOD AND WELFARE: The following comments were heard:

1. Gaston Gosselin – past councilperson – 486 NE 87th Street – Questioned the validity of traffic study being done before the construction is completed. He also asked about 88th Street that is the very narrow.

Village Manager Walker stated the only way to repair the narrow street is to take part of the peoples' yard. He stated he did not think the people would agree to that. The traffic study will not be done until 30 days after the completion of the construction on Second Avenue.

2. Debra Thompson – 241 NE 88th Street – Received a letter today from MG3 concerning the Radar Church. It was in her mailbox with no stamp. She asked for the status on the Staff Report concerning the request for the school to be in the Radar Church building. She inquired as to the status of the traffic study the MG3 group were to do.

Village Manager replied that the Staff Report will be ready by next week Thursday. He stated he has copies of the traffic study and she may pick up a copy tomorrow.

Attorney Geller stated that MG3 group has scheduled a meeting for June 25 and another for June 30, 2009. The June 30th meeting is to comply with the request to meet with the neighbors.

Attorney Geller stated if Councilpersons intent to attend the meetings that are not to speak. If they plan to attend the meeting the Clerk is to post the Public Meeting Notice.

3. Judith Williams – 379 NE 86th Street – She has been resident for four years. Her concerns are:

- a. Budget cuts will leave one police officer on a shift and the crime rate continue to go up.
- b. Trees are being cut that is causing damage to the trees. People should be fined for the damage.
- c. Street named bird names—she think it is a waste of money. We have police officers loosing their jobs and you want to waste money on street signs.

4. PJ Mills – 166 NE 90th Street – presented pictures of cars parked on the swale area. He stated at the address of the home he took pictures last evening were eight cars parked on the property. Mr. Mills asked does the code address the number of cars allowed to be parked on a property? What actions have been taken? These violators need to be ticketed not just given a warning.

Mayor Davis stated she calls in often for violations. Councilperson Cubillos informed Mr. Mills that she is the Vice Chair of the Code Enforcement committee and she will make sure it is discussed at the next meeting.

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N. **ADJOURNMENT:** Vice Chairperson Mathis, Jr. moved that the Regular Council meeting for June 23, 2009 be adjourned. Councilperson Black seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried. Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted:

Albertha Wilks Patterson

Albertha W. Patterson, Village Clerk

Date Transcribed: June 24, 2009

Date Approved: _____

Number of visitors sign-in: 8