

Regular Village Council Meet  
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 22, 2009, 7PM

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Joyce Davis called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:01pm.
- B. **SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE:** Mayor Davis suspended the silent meditation and the pledge of allegiance due to both were done during the Final Budget Hearing that was held at 6:30pm.
- C. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Davis also suspended the roll call stated all councilpersons are still in place from the earlier meeting.
- D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Vice Mayor Mathis, Jr. moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Councilperson Cubillos seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING:**  
E1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes for July 28, 2009 –Court Reporter - Vice Mayor Mathis, Jr. moved that the Regular Council meeting minutes for July 28, 2009 be approved. Mayor Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS AND / OR SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** None noted.
- G. **GOOD AND WELFARE:** Ms. Tomlinson, 241 NE 88<sup>th</sup> Street, thanked Council for all their work.
- H. **AGENDA ITEMS:** None noted
- I. **RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:**

**RESOLUTION No.: 2009-027      Florida Government Week**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING FLORIDA CITY  
GOVERNMENT WEEK, OCTOBER 18-24, 2009, AND  
ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE  
CELEBRATION AND CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES.**

Councilperson Marcus suggested the Florida Government Week be targeted with the newsletter. Mayor Davis stated she would like to do something with Horace Mann during this week. Vice Mayor Mathis, Jr. moved that Resolution No.:2009-027 be approved. Councilperson Marcus seconded the motion. The Resolution was approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**ORDINANCE No.: 2009-001      FLOODPLAINS**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 7.5-1 THROUGH 7.5-10 TO CREATE PROCEDURES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH FEMA REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Geller explained the Ordinance to Council. Councilperson Black moved that Ordinance No.: 2009-001 revising the Floodplains in El Portal be approved. Councilperson Marcus seconded the motion. The Ordinance was approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**ORDINANCE No.: 2009-002      QUALIFYING DATES Election 2010**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL, FLORIDA, AMENDING SEC. 6-4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Attorney Geller explained the purpose of Ordinance No.2009-002 is to comply with a request from the Miami-Dade County Elections' Department to move the Qualifying ending date to August 20, 2010. It was agreed unanimously that the opening qualifying date would be the last Friday in July 2010 and the closing date would be August 20, 2010 at 12noon. These dates allow three weeks for qualifying for the November 3, 2010 election.

Vice Mayor Mathis, Jr. moved that Ordinance 2009-002 be approved. Councilperson Black seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote of 5-0.

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

J1. Report from the Village Manager – Jason M. Walker

- a. Seawall – We are experiencing some delays due to outside forces who are writing letters. Representative Brise requested a meeting with the Mayor and myself because of the letters he had received. Representative Brise has a better understanding of what we are trying to do. Manager stated the plan is to start at I95 to Northwest Third Avenue. The contracts should be signed in December and brake ground in January 2010.
- b. FDEP phase 3 started two weeks ago is projected to come under budget.
- c. Northeast 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue is almost completed except no lights in El Portal. Councilperson Marcus stated it is a hazard with children walking to the bus in the dark.
- d. Circle Drive work will start the first couple of weeks in October. Plans are to realign the circle with recess lighting.
- e. Bus shelters and benches meeting has been rescheduled to October 1, 2009.

J1. Report from the Village Manager – Jason M. Walker - Continued

- f. Waste Management Contract is up for renewal on February 10, 2010. Attorney Geller is reviewing the contract to determine what options we have. Manager stated he is very pleased with the service.
- g. Floodplains map should be reviewed by all residents since it was revised on September 1, 2009. The resident may not have to get flood insurance. If any resident has questions, please see the Village Manager.
- h. Bookmobile is here every Friday from 2pm until 3pm. Councilperson Marcus stated residents may get their library card while they wait. She stated this is a valuable resource and hopes more residents use it.
- i. Corradino Group would like to know what are the council's vision for the two properties (Rader Church and Trailer Park). Manager stated he will be meeting with councilpersons before the next council meeting to obtain this information to get back to the Corradino Group.
- j. Traffic studies for street closure was not done. The Village Manager apologized for not getting this done but stated he will get it done with the speed tables.

J2. Committee Chairs Report

- J2a. Administration & Finance Committee – Chairperson Mathis, Jr. / Vice Chair Black  
Meeting was held as a Special Council meeting on September 15, 2009 at 6:30pm  
The main issue was Resolution 2009-013V. The next meeting is scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- J2b. Public Safety – Chairperson Davis / Vice Chair Mathis, Jr.  
No meeting was held on September 15, 2009 due to the Special Council meeting.  
Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 7pm.
- J2c. Planning & Zoning – Chairperson Davis / Vice Chair Mathis, Jr.  
No meeting was held on September 16, 2009  
Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 6:30pm due to Veteran Day is Wednesday, November 11, and the Village Hall will be closed.
- J2d. Code Enforcement – Chairperson Marcus / Vice Chair Cubillos  
No meeting was held September 16, 2009.  
Next meeting is scheduled Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 7pm due to Veteran Day is Wednesday, November 11, and the Village Hall will be closed.
- J2e. Public Works – Chairperson Black / Vice Chair Marcus  
No meeting was held on September 14, 2009 due to lack of agenda.  
The next Public Works committee meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2009 at 7pm.
- J2f. Public Affairs – Chairperson Cubillos / Vice Chair Davis  
No meeting was held September 14, 2009. The next Public Affairs committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2009 at 6:30pm.  
Councilperson Cubillos stated the second annual pre-Thanksgiving luncheon will be held on November 25<sup>th</sup> here at Village Hall.

J3. Legal Matters – Attorney Joseph S. Geller – None noted.

- K. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS:**- None noted.
- L. **NEW BUSINESS** – None noted.
- M. **GOOD AND WELFARE:** Mrs. M. Brooks -400 NE 90<sup>th</sup> Street asked had the Village received Stimulus money for the revision of the circle. The Manager explained the funds that will be used to revise the circle.
- N. **ADJOURNMENT:** Vice Mayor Mathis, Jr. moved that the Regular Council meeting be adjourned. Councilperson Cubillos seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted:

*Albertha W. Patterson*

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Transcribed date: September 29, 2009

Approved date: October 27, 2009