

Regular Village Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 7PM
Meeting Minutes

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Daisy M. Black, presiding, called the Regular Council meeting of March 22, 2011 to order at 7:03pm.
- B. **SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE:** Mayor Black 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 Daisy M. Black
Vice Mayor Harold E. Mathis, Jr.
Councilperson Linda Marcus
Councilperson Claudia V. Cubillos
Councilperson Omarr C. Nickerson

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

Absent: None

- D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mayor Black added two items to the agenda H1: Selection of Miami-Dade County League of Cities Representative and an Alternate and H2: Review of a proposed Ordinance for roofing material. Councilperson Cubillos added the following two items to the agenda H3: Coastal Group Publication and H4: July 2nd BBQ Location. Councilperson Cubillos moved that the agenda be approved as amended. Vice Mayor Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING:**
- E1. Minutes for October 26, 2010, Regular Council Meeting: Councilperson Nickerson moved that the minutes for October 26, 2010 Regular Council meeting be approved. Councilperson Cubillos seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- E2. Minutes for the December 21, 2010, Regular Council Meeting: Vice Mayor Mathis noted a correction under presentations. The word “plague” instead of “plaque”. Vice Mayor Mathis moved that the Regular Council meeting minutes for December 21, 2010 be approved with the noted correction. Councilperson Cubillos seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS AND/OR SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

F1. Proclamation: April Water Conservation Month - SFWMD

Mayor Black read the Proclamation declaring April as Water Conservation Month
Councilperson Marcus asked that the proclamation be added to the website to remind villagers of the idea of conserving water.

F2. Mayor Black recognized a friend from Jamaica who was visiting the Village during his record release tour.

G. GOOD AND WELFARE: None noted.

H. AGENDA ITEMS:

H1: Selection of MDCLC Representative and an Alternate: Mayor Black

It was unanimously agreed that Councilperson Cubillos serve as this year's representative and Councilperson Nickerson serve as the alternate for the Miami-Dade County League of Cities Board of Directors dinner meetings.

H2. Review of proposed Ordinance for roofing material Mayor Black

Mayor Black stated she would like to review the ordinance for roofing material that failed for a lack of second. Mayor Black stated she had received calls concerning the roofing materials due to challenging financial conditions. Mayor Black stated this Ordinance would allow villagers to select less costly material for their roofs and does not understand why it failed. Mayor Black stated that is the reason she is asking for a review.

Councilperson Marcus stated the Ordinance failed for lack of second. Discussions lead to a new material that villagers could use on their roof that was introduced by Mrs. Kim Flower.

Village Manager Walker stated since he has been the Village Manager, the council has only approved one or two variances for shingles.

Mayor Black asked that the Ordinance for roofing material be put on the Planning and Zoning committee agenda for further discussion.

H3. Coastal Group Publication: Councilperson Cubillos

Councilperson Cubillos stated she has talked with Mark and Edie Valdez and they have drafted a "Marked Newsletter", as a sample, for the Village and are present here tonight to provide additional information. Ms. Valdez stated (as she distributed copies of the Marked Newsletter) their company name is Coastal Group Publication and have been in business for 10 years. Edie stated they do not charge municipalities for their services. Coastal Group charge for the advertisement and they produce more than 60 newsletters a month. Ms. Valdez suggested that the village issue a quarterly newsletter.

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Councilperson Cubillos suggested the cost for the postage in delivering the newsletter to the villagers could be eliminated if each councilperson hand delivers the newsletter to the villagers on their block. Councilperson Cubillos stated she will deliver to the villagers on 89th Street since she and Vice Mayor Mathis reside on the same street. Councilperson Cubillos stated this is in line with the suggestion made by Councilperson Nickerson who stated he would hand deliver his newsletter to the residents.

Councilperson Marcus asked, is it possible to route the proposed newsletter articles through the village office for the first couple editions. Councilperson Marcus stated this would avoid showing any partiality to any one councilperson.

Village Manager Walker stated he feels this will fall back on the staff.

Eddie stated they would prefer working with one contact person.

Attorney Geller stated if the council decides to go forward with the suggested newsletter, he suggests a written agreement be completed in case the village is not able to provide the content in a timely manner and in the event any liability may fall on the village due to some unhappy person towards an advertisement.

Mayor Black stated the staff does not have experience in printing a newsletter.

Attorney Geller stated he would like for the village to be aware that after a couple of issues the village may be forced to sign an agreement.

Mayor Black informed Ms. Valdez that she likes the idea of the "Peacock Express" as the name, however, and the council will have to review the sample newsletter.

H4. July 2nd BBQ

Councilperson Cubillos

Councilperson Cubillos suggested that the July 2th barbeque celebrating July 4th be held on Horace Mann Middle school field. Councilperson Cubillos stated Horace Mann welcomes our involvement.

Village Manager Walker stated the Village will have to submit proof of insurance to the school. Village Manager Walker stated Horace Mann has a vegetable garden. The principal is excited and would like to get involved. Village Manager Walker stated if we move the barbeque to Horace Mann, it would be an effort to connect the Westside with the Eastside of the Village. Councilperson Marcus asked the attorney to review this request for liability.

I. RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES: None noted.

J. REPORTS:

J1. Village Manager – Jason M. Walker reported on the following:

- a. Held a mandatory pre-bid meeting last week
- b. Decision on Seawall – options are still the same
- c. FPL completed a light study
- d. Banners will be replaced – cost \$5,000
- e. Budget amendment in April
- f. Sherwood Forest signs: slow children playing and peacock signs
- g. Police will issue warning notices to school bus drivers

J2. Village Mayor – Mayor Black – None noted.

J3. Village Clerk -- None noted.

J4. Committee Chairs Report:

Chairperson for the following committees reported:

Public Affair – Claudia Cubillos;

Public Safety and Planning and Zoning-Mayor Black;

Code Enforcement – Vice Mayor Mathis;

Administration and Finance – Omarr Nickerson.

Public Works committee meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum.

J5. Legal Matters – Attorney Joseph S. Geller

Attorney Geller stated Oliva filed a subsequent case concerning her termination.

Attorney Geller stated his office is reviewing the matter and will have consultation with the attorney for the league of cities because the two cases may be related.

Village Manager Walker stated he informed the council of a lawsuit from a Norma Martinez who stated she slipped and fell in the street of El Portal.

Village Manager Walker stated the case was closed with an agreed payment of \$4,000.

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS: None noted.

L. NEW BUSINESS: None noted.

M. GOOD AND WELFARE:

M1. Dawn Wellman inquired as to how the information was being distributed for the luncheon and the events for the Public Affairs committee.

Councilperson Cubillos stated she always e-mailed the fliers and the police officers assisted by hand delivering the fliers to the residents during their patrol.

Mayor Black recognized former Mayor Dr. Ana Ward-Garmon and her husband.

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Good and Welfare (continued)

Sofie Gilot, District Secretary for Representative Daphne Campbell, District 108 introduced herself.

Mayor Black apologized to Ms. Gilot stating she did not recognize her.

- N. ADJOURNMENT: Vice Mayor Mathis moved that the Regular Council meeting for March 22, 2011 be adjourned. Councilperson Nickerson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Albertha W. Patterson

Albertha W. Patterson, MSM, CMC

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