

VILLAGE HALL
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EL PORTAL, FL 33138
JASON M. WALKER
VILLAGE MANAGER



MAYOR DAISY M. BLACK
VICE MAYOR CLAUDIA V. CUBILLOS
COUNCILPERSON HAROLD E. MATHIS, JR.
COUNCILPERSON LINDA MARCUS
COUNCILPERSON OMARR C. NICKERSON

Regular Village Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 23, 2012
MINUTES
7:00PM

A. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Daisy Black, presiding, called the meeting for October 23, 2012 to order at 7:45 PM.

B. SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE: This was done previously at the Special Planning & Zoning Meeting and therefore forgone.

C. ROLL CALL: Mayor Black asked the Interim Village Clerk, Carolina Montealegre, for a **Roll Call**.

Present: Mayor Daisy M. Black, Vice Mayor Claudia V. Cubillos, Councilperson Harold E. Mathis, Jr., Councilperson Linda Marcus, Councilperson Omarr Nickerson, Village Manager Jason Walker (Not voting), Sitting Village Attorney Hope W. Calhoun, Chief Eugene Morales (Not voting) and Interim Village Clerk Carolina Montealegre (Not voting).
Absent: None.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Black requested any additions or deletions to the agenda. Manager Jason Walker added item F3. Discussion of Seawall. Vice Mayor Cubillos added F4. A Special Presentation to the Chief. Mayor Black asked for a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilperson Mathis motioned for approval as amended and Vice Mayor Cubillos seconded. All those in favor said "aye". None opposed.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING:

E1. Minutes for September 25, 2012, Regular Council Meeting - The Mayor asked for an "aye" vote and approved the minutes as submitted. None opposed.

F. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS AND/OR SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

~~F1. Irwin Williams, CFO - Monthly Unaudited Financial Statement~~

F1. Mayor Black - Recognition of Outgoing Councilmember - Mayor Black presented a plaque to Harold E. Mathis, Jr. in appreciation of his service from 2005-2012.

F2. Vice Mayor Cubillos - Cubillos thanked Chief Morales and the entire Police Department for all of their volunteer work. She cited the 4th Annual Armed Forces 5K Run and Easter Egg Hunt, but thanked him for all events they've assisted with in 2012.

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- F3. Police Car Auction Bid Opening – The Village Clerk opened and read all the bids submitted. The cars were marked as 012 and 011. The highest bids placed were both from a Mr. Jerome Drawe at \$2,500.00 per vehicle.
- F4. Village Manager’s Seawall Discussion – Wanted to separate from the Manager’s report due to its importance. The Village originally received \$975,000 for the Seawall (\$400,000.00 from SFWMD and \$575,000.00 from FDEP). He continued to give a history of funding for the Seawall. The bids that came in to build the Seawall were still too high. The decision to act never came to fruition. The State recaptured funds and El Portal was included in those who lost money geared for water projects. That was \$575,000.00. SFWMD sent letters to the Village requesting their portion \$275,000.00 back. The manager said no and they have agreed to extend it until November 3013 if the Village shows some signs of progress. The Manager reached out to the contractor in order to see what could be done with the remaining money. The contractor said they could only repair the seawall for three homes for \$254,000.00, which does not include permitting and testing. That also does not include the Construction oversight. Refer to attachment for the quote. The budget is now at a \$69,000.00 deficit. The reason the Manager brought this to the council today to ask them to vote placing at least \$68,000.00 from the General Reserve. Councilperson Mathis asked how many homes were their originally. The Manager stated about 100 homes. Councilperson Mathis asked how many didn’t want the help. The Manager said there are 40 homes from the west side of I-95 to Miami Avenue. Councilperson Mathis said he never thought that the Village should assume responsibility for private homeowner’s property. The Manager brought up that at the start of this project there was at least some “neighborhood buy-in”. Now there isn’t any. Mayor Black brought up the issue of opening up a “Pocket Park” without safety measures put in place. The Manager stated that we have demonstrated the need to the State by already spending money on this project. On one design change order alone, we spent \$60,000 00 of the Village’s funds. The Manager does not recommend setting aside the money from the reserve. If the council doesn’t vote to set aside the money by November 30th, the State (SFWMD) will take back \$275,000.00. The Mayor asked if we needed to show the state that we do want to continue by setting aside the money in our Reserve. The Manager said the Council has to vote to place the \$75,000.00 aside or risk losing the funds. Councilperson Marcus’ understanding is that SFWMD would like for us to commit one way or the other. She didn’t believe that this project was well funded from the beginning. She doesn’t think money should be set aside to help three homes. The Manager suggested that something could be worked out to extend the funds until the session is over. They want a contract to hold the money.

The Mayor asked for a motion to set aside \$68,000.00 from the Reserve Fund for SFWMD. Hearing none, the motion failed.

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G. RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES:

G1. Mayor Black reads the short title into the record. Interim Village Clerk reads the long title into the record.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-034

**Charrette & Planning Services
Miami Dade County**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL, FLORIDA OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MAIMI DADE COUNTY, FOR THE PURPOSES OF PERFORMING CHARRETTE PLANNING SERVICES, AMENDING THE 2012-2013 BUDGET, TO TRANSFER FUNDS IN AMOUNT OF \$17,064 FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Mayor asked why these funds were coming from the Public Safety Dept. The Manager stated that at the last two meetings he mentioned a savings in the Village's insurance premiums. Those savings are budgeted in that department. The Mayor was concerned that it would be taking away from the safety of the residents. The Manager said that it's not insurance for the Police. It's placed in to that line item because it's Village insurance. It covers his and the Clerk's insurance as well. It covers the Village's property liability insurance too. The Mayor wanted to know why it couldn't come out of Administration & Finance. The Manager said the insurance payment can be moved to that line item in Administration & Finance line item. It's been in Police since he's been there. The Vice Mayor stated it should be in Administration & Finance. The Manager agreed that it should be, but reiterated that it's not Public Safety money. It covers Village wide insurance coverage. She doesn't see the Charrette as necessary at this point. She wants to make sure that if there is an emergency or claim by the police, that the money will be there in that Dept. budget. She said it states transfer of funds from public safety and she has problems with that. The Manager stated that her concern is legitimate, but again this is not police money. It could be placed in Public Works or another department in the budget. It's in that department because it's been that way since he started working at the Village. It's not taking away from police salaries, vests, or other police equipment. Maybe it's easier to place it under A&F, but it's not coming out of police. He then said that to the Mayor's point, that if we do take out the savings, which came from his efforts to change companies and it was his recommendation that the money be used for the Charrette planning efforts. If the council wants to do something else with the savings then that is their prerogative. He doesn't want it being said that this is money being taken away from the police because that's not the case. The Mayor applauded his efforts for finding savings, but said this is still taxpayer's money and what she is looking at is the services are \$17,000.00. The Manager said that the Council already agreed to have MD-C perform these services for the Village. He was still waiting on the quote for the services. The Manger placed \$5,000.00 in the budget for it in September. After the approval of

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the budget, the County sent their quote and it was for \$30,000.00. He said that Scarlet Hammonds, the Village Planner, stated that as she was reading the agenda that the quote was very cheap and that the county planners were very good. He told the council three months ago, two months ago and last month that he would look for the funds and he budgeted \$5,000.00 and found the savings of \$17,000.00. But, there is still an \$8000 gap. He didn't take it upon himself to find the \$8000.00. He only did what he told the Council what he was going to do. The Manager went on to say that the Council can vote to take the money out of the General Reserve to cover the gap, or to tell him to go back to the County and tell them to cut their services or tell them to just give the Village whatever \$22,000.00 can provide. Or, the Council can vote to put the savings in the reserve or give it to the police. The contract was already approved; only the price wasn't approved. Councilperson Marcus pointed out the "XX" in the price and wasn't comfortable with that. The Manager said that was the first proposal. Councilperson Marcus also pointed out the "additional services" weren't covered in the price. Her concern is yes we have some funds available, but not enough and it turns into the Sewall project. The Manager said that those additional services, such as the flyers, are public notices we normally would send out in these cases. He also used the rental for town hall space as another example and stated that the County said we could use our own Village Hall for that, but that they also have space available. The Manager said that the costs Councilperson Marcus spoke about are minimal. The Mayor asked if the Village Hall would not be available. The Manager said for maybe four or five days and it would be during the day time. Vice Mayor Cubillos stated that she spoke earlier to the Manager about her concerns and they line up with Councilperson Marcus' concern about the open-endedness of the quote. She thinks that if it's something they're going to move forward with that the Council needs to tell the Manager where the \$8,000.00 is coming from or define an amount. She said that she believes that a disservice was made to the police because the line item should be in Administration & Finance and not in Public Safety. She said a resident wouldn't know that it wasn't money being taken from police by reading it. The Manager said it's just a matter of taking the line item of \$80,000.00 from Public Safety and moving it into Administration and Finance. The money comes from General Fund Reserve and it could be located anywhere. The savings did not come from the police. It came from the insurance premium savings realized when the original quote came down from \$97,000.00. This is not police money. The Charrette Planning services were first brought to the Council in July and went through a lengthy approval process, which is why the draft was provided and then a price was provided after the fiscal year started. He said that that's why the "XX"'s were on the quote dated July 2012. The price is now in the updated quote dated October 3rd. The Mayor said that we still need a definite figure to approve a Resolution. The Manager said that he does have a definite figure and it's \$22,000.00. He says that he thinks that he can go back to the County and ask that the price be brought down by calling the Commissioner's office and the Mayor's office and applying pressure, he can get the number down closer to what is budgeted. The Manager said that Ms. Hammonds told him that she would fill in the holes wherever the County cut services to lower the price. He is not recommending going into the reserve to find the money. Councilperson Marcus asked about the Urban Design Center Theater. The Manager said it's a government to government transaction and mentioned that he was told this type of service would cost \$50,000.00. She wanted some clarity because she's never participated in a Charrette and wanted to know what we're paying someone \$30,000 for sitting down with stakeholders. She is not comfortable with the way the quote is written. The Mayor mentioned that the original Charrette

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discussed for the last 10 years included Hugh Gladwin, which we didn't pay and he could help her answer her question. Councilperson Marcus said that that is what she was trying to determine. She wanted to know if we were outsourcing. The Manager said that the people who are the primary drivers of this idea, Derek and Hugh, are the people the Mayor just mentioned and it's their idea not his. They've already done a lot of the work already. They couldn't be here today. The scope of services was already read by these gentleman and they are excited and know about the scope of services. He went back to Councilperson Marcus' point about not being comfortable with not having the original stakeholders there to comment and agreed. Vice Mayor Cubillos said this project needs to move forward, but there are more questions to be answered.

G1a. The Regular Council meeting was closed at 8:40 PM and opened to public comments.

1. Kim Flower, 140 NW 88th ST, El Portal, FL – She corrected the Manager by saying this project wasn't only spearheaded by Derek and Hugh. It was spearheaded by the A.L.E. committee. Seven people went down to the County from that committee to learn about the process. She thinks the Seawall is very different from the Charrette process. The Seawall only addresses a few residents' problems; whereas, the Charrette will help the entire Village by helping identify ways to bring in more of a commercial base and repair infrastructure. She said that the meetings are on the A.L.E. website. Councilperson asked if the meetings are noticed properly. The Manager said they are. We are not in violation of Sunshine Law. She was asking because she did not attend the meetings before because she thought there would be a conflict of interest. She can't now because of her work schedule. Either way, she would like Mr. Gladwin to be present when discussing this because this is not a small matter. The Councilperson is willing to wait until he comes back from sabbatical. The Manager brought up that this has been going on since before the A.L.E. committee. Kim said that she understands that but she wanted to point out that there are more than two people working on this. The Manager said that some plan needs to be made to move this process forward. Councilperson Marcus wants all interested parties here to discuss this. She is afraid some corporation will try to buy the land and we don't have a plan. Councilperson said she doesn't see all the due diligence. She sees two pieces of paper asking for money. Vice Mayor Cubillos agrees with Councilperson Marcus and asked for Kim to have faith in the Council and trust that not just anything will be allowed in that (the Trailer Park) area.
2. Adam Old, 140 NE 86th ST, El Portal, FL – He went to the County and has worked with the A.L.E. for a while on this process and is confused as to why the Council can't vote on this when this process was already approved in July and that all the Council was waiting for was the price. The Mayor said she voted on the service costing \$5,000.00 and not \$30,000.00. Adam asked if the problem is the money and not the

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Charrette process. The Mayor said it was the money. He asked then if everyone understood what a Charrette was and what stakeholders are. The Mayor said yes, she was part of the original process. It's not the Charrette, it's the money. He stated that the last Charrette was funded by the Treasure Coast Planning Council and that it's not an option now. The Mayor said yes and he suggested the money be pulled from the Reserve. The Mayor said no. Councilperson Marcus said that the idea is to not go into the (General Fund) Reserve and that she is not against the idea itself. She's uncomfortable with the way it's being handled. She wants the committee members who have had the most input present. Adam said sending out a notice would be a way to involve all stakeholders.

3. Dwight, 415 NW 88th TER, El Portal, FL – He said it's all about the future of the Village. He agreed with Kim about how this is more beneficial to the community as a whole than the Sewall. He agreed with the Mayor about clarifying the wording of the Resolution.

The Regular Council meeting was reopened at 8:59 PM. The Mayor asked if there was a motion to adopt the Resolution.

Motion: to approve Resolution No. 2012-034, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilperson Omarr C. Nickerson, **Seconded by** Councilperson Harold E. Mathis, Jr.

Vote: Motion failed. (**summary:** Yes = 2, No = 3).

Yes: Councilperson Omarr C. Nickerson, Councilperson Harold E. Mathis, Jr., **No:** Mayor Daisy M. Black, Vice Mayor Claudia V. Cubillos, Councilperson Linda Marcus

Absent: None.

G2. Mayor Black reads the short title into the record. Interim Village Clerk reads the long title into the record.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-035

TASER Device (JAG)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER OF THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL TO APPLY FOR THE FEDERAL DRUG CONTROL AND SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT AVAILABLE THROUGH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO RECEIVE, EXPEND AND AMEND BYRNE/JAG FORMULA PROGRAM FUNDS AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A TASER DEVICE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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The Mayor stated that this is something that is needed by the police officers and asked if the Chief wanted to make a comment. The Vice Mayor said that he was comfortable with the request because the police do not ask for something if they don't need it. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made but the Public Comment portion needed to be heard.

G2a. The Regular Council meeting was closed at 9:01 PM and opened to public comments.

1. Michael Knowles, 105 NE 86th ST, El Portal, FL – Asked for an explanation on what this involves and why we use TASER's in this Village. The Mayor asked if he's ever seen a TASER. Michael says he knows them all too well. He is disturbed that that TASER's are being used in the Village and that he's read lay literature on these devices being very dangerous. The Mayor asked the Chief to answer his questions. The Chief said that there are currently 8 TASERS being used by the officers. They need to be upgraded because the company does not repair once they break down. The grant is to replace them. He said that Michael's statement about TASER's being dangerous is not accurate. He stated that TASER International has won every case in which a TASER has been attributed to death. It's actually a useful tool and a non-lethal form of defense. All the officers have been "tased" and they were all fine five seconds later. If he could, he would recommend that all officers carry one.
2. Anna Ward, 415 NW 88th TER, El Portal, FL – She said that she remembered when batons were an item of contention. She also feels just as uncomfortable with TASER's as Michael, but thinks that it's a good tool for the officer's to have. She is concerned that this is just an application and that we haven't received the grant yet. The Manager said it's already been received.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:08 PM and the Regular Council meeting was reopened at 9:08 PM.

Motion: to approve Resolution No. 2012-035, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilperson Omarr C. Nickerson, **Seconded by** Councilperson Claudia V. Cubillos.

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Mayor Daisy M. Black, Vice Mayor Claudia V. Cubillos, Councilperson Linda Marcus, Councilperson Harold E. Mathis, Jr., Councilperson Omarr C. Nickerson

Absent: None.

G3. Mayor Black reads the short title into the record. Interim Village Clerk reads the long title into the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-004

SECTION 4.01 Amendments

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA TO AMEND ARTICLE IV – SECTION 4.01 (F), OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Mayor gave Councilperson Nickerson the floor. He thanked everyone for coming. He said that this Ordinance is about community involvement and transparency. He gave an example about issues being moved forward from a Committee Meeting only to be voted on by the same people again at the Regular Council Meeting. He also thinks that citizens of El Portal should sit on the Committee's. He said it could work one of two ways. The Mayor still appoints the Chairperson, but then the Council gets to choose a citizen to sit in their seats as members. The second way it could work is by the Mayor choosing the Chair and Vice Chair and the third member is a citizen; keeping it a three member committee. He cited some opposing views and possible issues. His choice is the first way. He also offered this as an experiment and adds a sunset provision of a year. The Mayor said that the people invite the Council to make decisions for them. She thinks it isn't fair if they choose someone from the community, just because they want them up there. She also points out that if something is voted two to one at the Committee level, there is still a chance the person will vote yes at the Council level. She doesn't think it's necessary. Councilperson Mathis said that the community involvement is when they elect the Council. There have many times he has thought one way and a resident comes up and changes his view on something. Vice Mayor Cubillos spoke about open government and think this should be a ballot measure if it is ever to be changed. The wording lends itself to loopholes. She thinks that the committee's aren't very well attended and would like to see more resident involvement, but with more consistency. She agrees with Mayor Black and Councilperson Mathis and is against it.

G3a. The Regular Council meeting was closed at 9:22 PM and opened to public.

1. Kim Flower, 140 NW 88th ST, El Portal, FL – She applauds Councilperson Nickerson for this effort. She believes the way he described Committee member appointment had been done this way in El Portal in the past and also believes Miami Beach does it this way too. She thinks it would be beneficial to the sitting committees to have residents who are experts in those fields involved. It generates transparency. It should be reconsidered. She thinks a sunset provision is a good idea because if it doesn't work it doesn't work. The A. L. E. (resident led committee) started with three (3) people and now in less than two years they have a list of thirty (30) committed people. She believes way too many of the (sub) Committee meetings get cancelled and if more residents were on those committees, they probably wouldn't get cancelled so often.

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Vice Mayor Marcus said she looked at the Resolution very carefully and for purposed of revision if it comes up again; it was worded very open ended and very sloppily. She went on to say that the A. L. E. committee is not the Council and the Council is not the A. L. E. committee. She is honored to serve on the Council and to represent her neighbors and be available when they call. She has sat in on the A. L. E. committee meetings and sat in as Council meet. It's open forum and she understands that there is a call for more participation. It used to be seven (7) council members but two seats were lost due to lack of community involvement. Using examples to have a lawyer sit in on a particular Committee and to be involved on that Committee, then yes that's fine. But, she doesn't think it's entirely appropriate for a Councilperson to select a particular resident to sit on as a member of a Committee. It sets up a system of favoritism and becomes clique-ish. It's not clear on how this would function in any way that is more open than what is presently being done. Councilperson Mathis referred to a meeting he had today with the Manager and used Kim as an example of how this would work with Planning & Zoning, but she already is involved. He asked how more open than that can it be than that. Vice Mayor Marcus asked Councilperson Nickerson if this is about positioning the residents to be more involved or to have more power. The residents attend Committee Meetings to recommend not to vote. He replied that initially it was about getting them more involved.

2. Adam Old, 140 NE 86th ST, El Portal, FL – He asked what the purpose of the Committee Meetings is. Is it to discuss more freely than this? The Mayor said it was a meeting to make recommendations to the Council. He asked about the Planning & Zoning Committee having all the Council members in it. The Mayor explained that the Planning & Zoning Committee has more authority to do with what happens in the Village and cited the road construction as an example and said that all the Committees overlap. She went on to say that at one point there were three Committees that had everybody on it and used Vice Mayor Marcus' example on how two (2) Committee members could vote one way and there's still that third Committee member that can change things at the Regular Council Meeting. Councilperson Cubillos added that when an item does go to Council there is a Public Hearing after each agenda item. There are also times when it passes at the Committee, but it changes at the Council. He was just unclear as to what actually happens. The Mayor pointed out that there is also a video record for the Council meetings and not the Committee meetings. Vice Mayor Marcus added that when she serves on the Council after a new administration is elected she comes to it with a list of what she wants done during her term and it stems from neighbors concerns to her and Committee meetings. The Committee Meetings are where the residents tell her that her idea is crazy or find a way to fund it. The precursor conversations allows brainstorming and shortens the Regular Council meetings considerably. Councilperson Mathis also added that he was the largest opponent to the Public Hearing changes made to the Meeting layout and now he thinks it works.

The Regular Council meeting was reopened at 9:32 PM

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The Mayor asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Councilperson Nickerson made a motion. She asked if this was the first reading. The Mayor asked for a second. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion: to approve Ordinance No. 2012-004, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilperson Omarr C. Nickerson, **Seconded by** None.
Motion dies for lack of a second.

H. REPORTS OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER, MAYOR & COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

H1. Village Manager Reports: Jason Walker

- a. **Seawall** – On hold.
- b. **Charette MOU** – Not moving forward.
- c. **NE 87th ST repaving project/ Stormwater drainage** – the Council is getting calls on why it isn't done. The main concern being the area on NE 87th ST and 2nd Avenue. The stormwater project is being done in conjunction with this project and that area is where the pipes are going. The construction of the pipes has been delayed and that is why that area remains unpaved, but it should only be a couple of more weeks before that pipes arrive. It would not make sense to repave an area if it's going to be torn up for pipe placement.
- d. **N Miami Ave Medians** – The medians are in place and the palm trees have been ordered and irrigation remains.
- e. **Trailer Park** – Representative Campbell and Commissioner Edmonson have been contacted by residents regarding FPL shutting off power to their trailers. He explained that FPL has been replacing old meters with "smart" meters and as they come upon a pole that is unfit to carry these meters do remove them entirely and instruct the resident to go to their city and ask for a repair permit. FPL will not turn on their power until the area has been repaired and the Building Department will not issue a repair permit for a Trailer that is not in compliance. The Manager explained that he doesn't blame the Building Officials for not signing off on a permit because their license is at stake. Some families have been helped by referring them to other agencies, but there isn't much that can be done other shut off power to the entire Trailer Park. He wants the Council to be aware because they will most likely be hearing more from them. Weekly meetings with Management at the Park are being held and a few trailers have already been demolished. Vice Mayor Cubillos asked how many. The Manager said 18 trailers have been demolished since we started communicating 185 trailers still remain. 234 before and 200-185 has been done in the past three to four months. He invited the Council to take a ride. The next demolishing will be the Laundry Place.
- f. **FPL village wide lighting project** – They started installing last Thursday.
- g. **Annexation** – The application was submitted. Heated discussion was had at the County today regarding annexation and incorporations. He believes it will

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have an impact on their application because some of the areas the Council expressed not wanting may be forced upon the Village. Councilperson Marcus asked if the resources were going to be provided. The Manager said it was part of the discussion, but not much was said. He said the consensus seemed to be that they wanted to wait and see how the November elections panned out.

H2. Committee Chair Reports

a. Public Affairs

Chairperson Omarr Nickerson asked the residents to remember the Little River Festival and the 75th Anniversary on Saturday, December 8th. He also made a request for volunteers and for solo artists. Vice Mayor Cubillos added a reminder for the Halloween Party being held by the Police Department on Wednesday, 10/31 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Flyers were passed out to the residents explaining the set up. It should be a fun community event. She asked for volunteers. This is the fifth year of the Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Sr. Luncheon and it's being held on Wednesday, 11/14 from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm.

b. Public Works

Chairperson Harold E. Mathis, Jr. just wanted to thank everyone for all the help he had while serving.

c. Public Safety

Chairperson Daisy M. Black spoke about the Citizen Crime Watch meetings being held in conjunction with the Sr. Luncheon and thanked the kids who entertained from Ms. Claudia's Academy. She thanked the officers for their help during the Horace Mann Clean up and pointed out that the community really embraced this project.

d. Code Enforcement Committee

Chairperson Linda Marcus had nothing to add.

e. Planning & Zoning

Chairperson Daisy M. Black stated it was covered by the Manager.

f. Administration & Finance

Chairperson Claudia V. Cubillos mentioned that Irwin gave report last month.

H3. Village Mayor Reports – Mayor Black didn't think anything needed to be added.

H4. Village Attorney Reports – Ms. Calhoun had nothing to report.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS:

II. General Orders – Councilperson Mathis instructed the Manager to move insurance item from Public Safety to A&F in November Resolution. The Manager said he agreed it's a good move to make.

J. NEW BUSINESS: None noted.

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K. 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 may speak on any item of concern.)

L. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor & Council

Motion: motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilperson Mathis, **Seconded by** Councilperson Marcus. Meeting Adjourned at 9:48 PM.