

VILLAGE HALL
500 NE 87TH ST
EL PORTAL, FL 33138
JASON M. WALKER
VILLAGE MANAGER




MAYOR DAISY M. BLACK
VICE MAYOR LINDA MARCUS
COUNCILPERSON CLAUDIA V. CUBILLOS
COUNCILPERSON OMARR C. NICKERSON
COUNCILPERSON ADAM OLD

Regular Village Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 28, 2013
MINUTES
7:00PM


A. CALL TO ORDER:  Mayor Daisy Black, presiding, called the meeting for May 28, 2013 to order at 7:08 PM.

B. SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE:  The Mayor asked all to stand for a moment of silent meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance


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

Present: Mayor Daisy M Black, Councilperson Claudia V. Cubillos, Councilperson Adam Old, Councilperson Omarr Nickerson, Village Manager Jason Walker (Not voting), Village Attorney Joseph Geller (Not voting), Interim Village Clerk (Not voting), Irwin Williams, CFO (Not voting).


Absent: Vice Mayor Linda Marcus

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:  Mayor Black requested any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing none she approved the agenda as submitted.


E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING:

E1.  Minutes for April 23, 2012, Regular Council Meeting – The Mayor requested a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved as submitted.

F. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS AND/OR SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

F1.  National Police Week, May 12-18, 2013 – Councilperson Claudia Cubillos
The Mayor and Councilperson Cubillos presented a plaque to Chief Morales for the department's work.


F1.a. Tracy Auguste – The New Senior Legislative Analyst was introduced by the Mayor as the newest addition to Commissioner Edmonson's office.

F2.  Final Audit FY 2011/12 Presentation – Jason Walker, Manager
Chris Chiocca, one of the auditors from Alberni Caballero, briefly presented their report to the council. The Manager and Mr. Chiocca stated that if there were any questions afterward, they would make themselves available. Questions from the Council and Manager were answered

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by the auditor. The full report is on file with the Clerk and posted on the website at www.elportalvillage.com.

G. RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES:


G1.  Mayor Black asks the Manager to comment before reading the short title into the record. He reviewed each line item amendment and answered the Council's questions.


RESOLUTION NO. 2013-008


MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING TRANSFERS FROM CERTAIN BUDGETED LINE ITEMS; PROVIDING FOR AN INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

G1a. Public Hearing (Public Comment 2 minutes/person) The Mayor closed the regular meeting at 7:24 PM and opened it up for public hearing. Hearing none she resumed the regular meeting. The Clerk read the short title into the record and the Mayor requested a motion to approve the Resolution.

 **Motion:** to approve Resolution No. 2013-008, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilperson Omarr Nickerson, **Seconded by** Councilperson Claudia V. Cubillos.

 **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary: Yes = 4**).
Yes: Councilperson Adam Old, Councilperson Claudia V. Cubillos, Councilperson Omarr Nickerson, Mayor Daisy M Black.
Absent: Vice Mayor Linda Marcus.

G2.  Mayor Black asks the Manager to comment before reading the short title into the record. This item was reviewed previously by the Public Works committee. These benches will complement the County benches to be installed in June. He answered the Council's questions.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-009

PURCHASE AND INSTALL BUS BENCHES

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL, FLORIDA OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, APPROVING THE SELECTION AND SERVICES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF BUS BENCHES; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE INSTALLATION OF 10 BUS BENCHES AROUND THE VILLAGE; AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO SPEND AN AMOUNT NO TO EXCEED

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\$9,000; PROVIDING FOR AN INCORPORATION OF RECITALS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

G2a. Public Hearing (Public Comment 2 minutes/person) The Mayor closed the regular meeting and opened it up for public hearing. Hearing none she resumed the regular meeting. The Clerk read the short title into the record and the Mayor requested a motion to approve the Resolution.

 **Motion:** to approve Resolution No. 2013-009, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilperson Adam Old, **Seconded by** Councilperson Omarr Nickerson.

 **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).
Yes: Councilperson Adam Old, Councilperson Claudia V. Cubillos, Councilperson Omarr Nickerson, Mayor Daisy M Black.

Absent: Vice Mayor Linda Marcus.

G3.  Mayor Black asks the Manager to comment before reading the short title into the record. This item has also come through the Public Works committee. Former Vice Mayor Mathis was unable to find a lower bid. The Manager answered the Council's concerns.


RESOLUTION NO. 2013-010

PAINT FIRE HYDRANTS

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL, FLORIDA OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, APPROVING THE BID OF PAINT HORSE FOR THE PAINTING OF FIRE HYDRANTS THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE AND AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO SPEND AN AMOUNT NO TO EXCEED \$2,480; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

G3a. Public Hearing (Public Comment 2 minutes/person) The Mayor closed the regular meeting and opened it up for public hearing. Hearing none she resumed the regular meeting. The Clerk read the short title into the record and the Mayor requested a motion to approve the Resolution.

 **Motion:** to approve Resolution No. 2013-010, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilperson Adam Old, **Seconded by** Councilperson Claudia V. Cubillos.


 **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).
Yes: Councilperson Adam Old, Councilperson Claudia V. Cubillos, Councilperson Omarr Nickerson, Mayor Daisy M Black.

Absent: Vice Mayor Linda Marcus.

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G4.  Mayor Black asks the Manager to comment before reading the short title into the record. The Manager explained that the Village does this annually to clean fifty-two storm drains in the Village.


RESOLUTION NO. 2013-011

STORMWATER DRAIN CLEANING

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL, FLORIDA OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, RELATING TO DRAIN CLEANING; AUTHORIZING ROTO ROOTER, INC TO PROVIDE STORM DRAIN CLEANING SERVICES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO SPEND FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,680; PROVIDING FOR AN INCORPORATION OF RECITALS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

G4a.  Public Hearing (Public Comment 2 minutes/person) The Mayor closed the regular meeting at 7:31 PM and opened it up for public hearing. Hearing none she resumed the regular meeting. The Clerk read the short title into the record and the Mayor requested a motion to approve the Resolution.




 **Motion:** to approve Resolution No. 2013-011, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilperson Omarr Nickerson, **Seconded by** Councilperson Adam Old.

 **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).
Yes: Councilperson Adam Old, Councilperson Claudia V. Cubillos, Councilperson Omarr Nickerson, Mayor Daisy M Black.
Absent: Vice Mayor Linda Marcus.

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

H1. Committee Chair Reports – She asked if any committee chair’s would like to add anything. No one did.

H1. Village Manager Reports - Jason Walker







- a.  **Public Safety Committee MTG** – COPS grants for 2 more police officers and the bullet proof vest grant were applied for. He is confident we will receive them. Research for lighting grants is being worked on and it will be brought back to council for their approval.
- b.  **N Miami Avenue Medians** – Irrigation is complete and electrical should start this week.
- c.  **Red Light Traffic Camera** – State of Florida laws have changed regarding the regulation of cameras. Part of those changes requires the Village to adopt a new ordinance to incorporate those changes. He and the Village Attorney will

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meet with ATS on Thursday to go over options for release from the program. Council has expressed wanting to suspend the program and as of July 1st (due to timing) the cameras will go “dark” if the new ordinance isn’t adopted by the Village. An email will be sent after their meeting.

- d.  **Stormwater Phase V** – 90th and 89th ST along nature trail. The project starts next week and should be completed within 30 days.
- e.  **Tree trimming** – Fifteen trees throughout the Village will be trimmed back this week. These are an accumulation of complaints from residents.
- f.  **Miami Dade Property Appraiser** – We should receive our preliminary tax assessment rolls/numbers by June 1st.
- g.  **Public Works Committee MTG** – A proposal for a landscaping project is in the works for NW 3rd Avenue. We are currently going out for bid. It will be brought to Council for approval.
- h.  **Unincorporated Dade** – He spoke with the Metro Dade team and asked them to step up code enforcement and public safety in the NW area. There was one home that had abandoned cars that appeared to be a repair shop and the County took care of it.
- i.  **Tree Survey** – An RFP will be sent out tomorrow. It should take 60 days to complete. He should hear a response by August. This is being paid for by the tree grant. Mayor Black asked about the landscaping project on NW 3rd Avenue. The Manager said the idea is to reduce maintenance costs.

Councilperson Old mentioned that at the previous Code Enforcement committee meeting he passed out a proposal for allowable swale materials and asked the council to keep it in mind.

- j.  **SFWMD** – He is requesting a meeting with SFWMD to go over Seawall alternatives to alleviate costs and erosion. They will all go on a boat tour of the river to brainstorm ideas on how to do this in the meantime. If the council wants to join we will Sunshine the meeting. The Mayor said she went to Tallahassee for funding and would like to be kept abreast of what happens with the Seawall.

H2.  Village Attorney Reports – The attorney spoke about the red light camera issue and agreed with the Manager. He says we have two options when they meet with ATS; one to renegotiate to make it lucrative or two to cancel the program. He also spoke about the Trailer Park progress meetings and asked the council to contact him with any questions they may have. Councilperson Old asked for a report regarding the lobbying effort in Tallahassee. The Attorney said he will ask his brother to come speak at the next Regular meeting.

H3.  Village Mayor Reports – Mayor Black thanked the ALE committee for all the work they did and specifically the Sherwood Forest Park project. She also thanked the Charrette and Charter committees. She mentioned that the next Citizen Crime Watch meeting is tomorrow

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at 6:30PM. She also wants to schedule a National Night Out event in coordination with the Police Department. Councilperson Old asked the manager about the COPS grant that he is trying to secure. He asked how the Manager plans to fund the ongoing expense for officers hired under that grant after three years. The Manager gave the different scenarios on how to fund that expense. Mr. Walker also gave examples of how we're maintaining officers that were originally brought on using the COPS grant.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS:

II. None.

J. NEW BUSINESS: None.

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.)

K1. Lauren Christos – 389 NE 86th ST – She thanked the Manager for picking up trash at the entrance to El Portal from Biscayne Blvd. She offered to volunteer to help pick up litter.

L.  **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor & Council

Motion: motion to adjourn, Action: Adjourn, Moved by Councilperson Cubillos, Seconded by Councilperson Nickerson. Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM.

of members in audience: 7

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