

VILLAGE HALL  
500 NE 87<sup>TH</sup> ST  
EL PORTAL, FL 33138  
David A Rosemond  
VILLAGE MANAGER



MAYOR CLAUDIA V. CUBILLOS  
VICE MAYOR OMARR C. NICKERSON  
COUNCILPERSON HAROLD E. MATHIS, JR.  
COUNCILPERSON WERNER E. DREHER  
COUNCILPERSON VIMARI ROMAN

Regular Village Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 27, 2017  
Minutes  
7:00 PM

Statement of Decorum

Any person making a racial or slanderous remark or who becomes boisterous while addressing the Village Council, Staff, etc. shall be barred from the audience by the presiding officer. No profanity, shouting, heckling, verbal outbursts or disruptive behavior in support of or opposition to a speaker or his/her remarks is permitted. No signs or placards shall be allowed in the Village Hall. Person exiting the Village Hall shall do so quietly.

“Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 286.0105: If a person decided to appeal any decision made by the Board, Agency or Committee with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.”

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cubillos, presiding, called the meeting for June 27, 2017 to order at 7:00pm.

**B. SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE:** Mayor Cubillos asked all those present to stand for a pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

**C. ROLL CALL:** Mayor Cubillos asked for a Roll Call, Manager David Rosemond, and Roll Call.

**Present:** Mayor Cubillos, Vice Mayor Nickerson, Councilperson Harold Mathis, Councilperson Roman, Councilperson Dreher, David A. Rosemond (Not voting), Village Manager, Stg. Hufnagel in representation of Chief Morales (Not voting), and Yenise Jacobi, Village Clerk(Absent), Irwin Williams, CFO, Joseph Geller & Jason Silver, Village Attorney (Not Voting).

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mayor Cubillos asked for a motion to approve the agenda with additions **Motion:** A motion to approve the agenda **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilperson Roman, **Seconded by** Councilperson Mathis, Jr. The motion passed by voice vote.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING(S):**

**E1.** Minutes for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Council Meeting— **Motion:** A motion to approve the minutes for April 25<sup>th</sup> **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilperson Mathis, Jr. **Seconded by** Vice Mayor Nickerson. The motion passed by voice vote.

**E2.** Minutes for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 Regular Council Meeting— **Motion:** A motion to approve the minutes for May 23<sup>rd</sup> **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilperson Mathis, Jr. **Seconded by** Councilperson Dreher. The motion passed by voice vote.

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Note : Ms. Brooks presented Officer Battaglia a thank you card for his kind act of service.

#### F. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS AND/OR SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

##### F1. Years of Service - Officer Rego

F1a. Mayor Cubillos stated that due to the short notice Officer Rego was unable to be present tonight.

##### F2. Swearing in New Part-Time Officers Julio Lopez & Hector Pinera

F2a. Chief Morales introduced Officer Julio Lopez as an army reserve individual & Hector Pinera 30 year state correctional officer, he pinned both and officially became El Portal's New Part-Time police officers.

F3. Mayor Cubillos acknowledged the presence of Charles Scott from Congressman Federica Wilson office & Senator Daphne Campbell, Attorney Joe Geller.

#### G. **GOOD AND WELFARE:** None noted.

#### H. **AGENDA ITEM:**

##### H1. YTD Financials

H1a. CFO Williams made a presentation on financials

- Collected CITT Money
- Storm water Funds Revenue
- File FRS

##### H2. Audit by Albern, Caballero & Fierman

H2a. Andrew Fierman made a presentation regarding the Audit

##### H3. Legislative Update – El Portal's El Jardin Water Project awarded 550k

H3a. Mayor Cubillos thanked all the participants that made it possible for the Governor Scott not to veto El Portal. She thanked in particular the Lobbyists Firms, Senator Daphne Campbell.

H3b. Richard Pinsky from Akerman LLP thanked Mayor Cubillos for her presence in Tallahassee and her hard work.

H3b. **Motion:** A motion to enter into a month to month contract with our current firms of Lobbyist Akerman LLP & Southern Strategy **Action:** **Passed Moved by** Councilperson Roman, **Seconded by** Councilperson Dreher

Mayor Cubillos asked Village Manager for a Roll Call:

**Vote: (Summary: Yes=5, No = 0).**

Councilperson Dreher	Yes
Councilperson Roman	Yes
Councilperson Mathis, Jr.	Yes
Councilperson Nickerson	Yes
Mayor Cubillos	Yes

##### H4. World Waste Recycle – Eileen Damaso

H4a. Ms. Damaso introduced one of the Owners of World Waste Recycle, Mr. Michael Adams (owner) stated that as an owner it was important that regarding all the areas of concerns be addressed. That they have been servicing the Village Of El Portal since 2009

Mayor Cubillos opened the meeting to public comments

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H4b. Crystal Carrol -480 NW 91<sup>st</sup> Street – Mrs. Carrol explained that she was very impressed and was very respectable that the owner had come to address the residents and that a solution was important.

H4c. Iris Garcia- 500 NW 87 Street- Ms. Garcia stated that they have been missed for recycling pickups and appreciate the attendance of one of the owners. She also expressed she does a lot of the clean up around the little river and it is frustrating she is in need of a bigger bin.

H4d. Maribel Trujillo-157 NW 88<sup>th</sup> Street- Ms. Trujillo stated that she was curious how certain spots were being missed, she was missed but her neighbor wasn't. So she called and they came within 24 hours. Thank you.

Note: Mayor Cubillos asked they can come and coordinate and education to know what is or not recycle.

**H5.** Council and Administration Official Photos up at Village Hall (Mayor's 3<sup>rd</sup> request)

H5a. Mayor Cubillos stated that the only pictures missing was the Village Attorney & Chief Eugene Morales.

**H6.** Village of El Portal's Wastewater Facilities Plan for Sanitary Sewer Project and Capital Financing Plan

H6a. Slideshow presentation presented by Steven

H6b. Mayor Cubillos stated that she had voted no on the prior council meeting on this matter because there was still a lot of questions not answered about the process in selecting a, she didn't feel a hundred percent comfortable voting yes with all the resident concerns.

H6c. Village Manager David Rosemond stated that this is a golden opportunity for the village funding wise.

Mayor Cubillos opens it for public comment:

H6d. Liliana Pico-181 NW 87 Street- Is there a way not to connect to the line? If I decided not to do it.

H6e. Merlin Brooks- 400 NE 90<sup>th</sup> Street- Is my understanding that we are getting a break doing it now as oppose to doing it later. Is the one-time fee 4,800. Thank you for the information and bringing the presentation.

H6f. Attorney Geller the flip side other than home owners will not be subject of replacing septic connection charge.

H6g. Calixto Navarro- 335 NE 87 Street- I agree with the septic tank change it is a great opportunity to improve our community. It should be done. It is a benefit for the residents.

H6h. Maribel Fruitstone-157 NW 88<sup>th</sup> Street- We need to be careful of the improvements and the impact it is going to have in our trees and the preservation of the birds as well as the canopy. Let us not forget we are a Tree City USA.

H6i. Crystal Carrol-480 NW 91<sup>st</sup> Street- My street is on a hill and I have a basement. By adjusting the level how does that affect the basement & street area?

H6j. Ian – 376 NE 85 Street- I am concerned for the residents in Sherwood Forest I am one of them it is an archaeological zone. No plan for Sherwood Forest will be easy.

H6k. Deborah Thompson- 241 NE 88<sup>th</sup> Street- How about the rentals how are you getting a hold of the Property Owners to have this change made.

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**I. RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES:**

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**RESOLUTION 2017-16**

**WASTEWATER FACILITIES PLAN**

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SMALL COMMUNITY WASTEWATER FACILITIES GRANT AND/OR STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM; ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL WASTEWATER FACILITIES PLAN FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND CAPITAL FINANCING PLAN DATED JUNE 2017; AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FDEP); DESIGNATING THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Note: Read into the record by attorney Jason Silver

Mayor Cubillos opens it for public discussion:

**Motion:** A motion to pass Resolution 2017-16 **Action:** **Passed Moved** by Councilperson Mathis, Jr. **Seconded** by Councilperson Dreher

**Vote: (Summary: Yes=4, No = 0).**

Councilperson Dreher	Yes
Councilperson Roman	Yes
Councilperson Mathis, Jr.	Yes
Councilperson Nickerson	Yes
Mayor Cubillos	Not present

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

**J1. Village Mayor Report - Mayor Claudia V. Cubillos**

- El Portal's El Jardin Water project was awarded \$550k during the 2016-2017 legislative session
- End of the school year Leadership and Citizenship awards presented to: Emerson Carroll, Grace Valdes, Tsion Accornerro of Phyllis Ruth Miller Elementary School  
And to Cyrus Ferguson and Escarlin Ruiz of Horace Mann Middle School
- Education Compact Initiative working on throughout summer 2017
- There are 4 new businesses coming soon (on NE 87 Street) in El Portal: Yoga, Children's Art studio, Pilates and another Antique Dealer
- Reminder, we're working on a Gallery of Community Photos (Now on Village Website and to be completed by end of summer)
- **New Email:** [mayorcubillos@villageofelportal.org](mailto:mayorcubillos@villageofelportal.org)
- **STATE OF VILLAGE ADDRESS** is on **Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM**

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#### J2. Village Manager Report – *Manager David Rosemond*

- PBA Expiring Contract Agreement
- Reminder Manager David Rosemond will be on vacation July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

#### J3. COMMITTEE CHAIRS REPORTS:

##### a. **Public Affairs**

*Chairperson Omarr Nickerson*

- Annual Independence Day BBQ on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> 1130am-2pm at the Tot Lot
- Congratulations Mayor Cubillos, she received the award for Outstanding Board Member of the year (2016-2017) at the last MDCLC Board Meeting of President Francis Suarez.
- Congratulations Councilperson Mathis, he received the Champions of Equality award from SAVE for his commitment and support toward equality

##### b. **Public Works**

*Chairperson Werner Dreher*

- Tree trimming efforts
- Internship Program Resumes
- Nature Trail

##### c. **Public Safety**

*Chairperson Claudia V. Cubillos*

- **Officer Rego** of 15 years resigned and joined the Biscayne Park Police Dept
- **5 New Police Vehicles:** Ordered
- **Labor-Management Committee:** (according to the PBA contract Article IX) Met with the PBA about commencing this committee
- **Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>:2017 National Night Out and Mayor's backpack Giveaway:**

##### ON-GOING

- **Community Policing:** Community Policing (not only county wide, but nationwide) is proving that by leveraging connections within the community, police are better positioned to solve public safety problems by improved public trust – and being proactive.
- **Crime Watch** (David Ward and Sgt Hufnagel: signs to be placed at blocks that have earned it for all the work that has been done)

##### PENDING:

- **CCTV Cameras:** still waiting on 3 quotes
- **Chief and Police Evaluations**
- **Body Cameras:** update on sell-back

##### COMING UP:

- **Improve and update Police Visibility on our Village Website**
- **Police Uniforms and (Bike Patrol uniforms)**

##### d. **Code Enforcement**

*Chairperson Vimari Roman – Nothing new to report*

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**e. Planning & Zoning**

*Chairperson Claudia V. Cubillos*

Tishler Bise – Update on Impact Fees/Development Agreement

**f. Administration & Finance**

*Chairperson Harold E. Mathis, Jr.*

- Evaluations

**J4. Village Attorney Reports** - Attorney Joseph Geller mediation

**K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS:**

**K.** None noted.

**L. NEW BUSINESS:** None noted.

**M. GOOD AND WELFARE:** None noted.

**N. ADJOURNMENT:** Councilperson Mathis, motioned that the Regular Village Council meeting for June 27, 2017 be adjourned. Councilperson Dreher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:13pm.

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