

VILLAGE HALL  
500 NE 87<sup>TH</sup> ST  
EL PORTAL, FL 33138  
CHRISTIA E. ALOU  
VILLAGE MANAGER



MAYOR CLAUDIA V. CUBILLOS  
VICE MAYOR OMARR C. NICKERSON  
COUNCILPERSON VIMARI ROMAN  
COUNCILPERSON ANDERS URBOM  
COUNCILPERSON LUIS PIRELA

**Virtual Special Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 29, 2020  
7:45 PM  
Agenda**

**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 Claudia V. Cubillos, Presiding**
- B. SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE Salute American Flag in Unison**
- C. ROLL CALL Pamela Latimore, Interim Village Clerk**
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**F. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS AND/OR SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**G. GOOD AND WELFARE**

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**H. AGENDA ITEM**

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**I. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES**

**II. RESOLUTION 2020-34**

**Legal Services**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF EL PORTAL, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO RETAIN RICHARD SARAFAN ESQ, TO NEGOTIATE A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GREENSPOON MARDER, LLP/JOSEPH S. GELLER, ESQ. FOR THE COUNCIL’S APPROVAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

**L. GOOD AND WELFARE**

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**M. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor and Council**

In accordance with the American With Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons with disabilities and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting due to that disability should contact the Village Clerk’s Office at (305) 795-7880 no later than two (2) business days prior to such proceeding.

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**WHEREAS**, on August 18, 2020, the Village of El Portal, Florida advertised Request for Qualifications for Village Attorney Services, RFQ No. 2020-02 ("RFQ"); and

**WHEREAS**, on September 8, 2020, three (3) proposals were submitted in response to the RFQ by Lehtinen Shultz, PLLC, Greenspoon Marder LLP, Law Office of Norman C. Powell; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council, on September 22, 2020 by Resolution 2020-33 awarded the RFQ to Greenspoon Marder, LLP/Joseph S. Geller, Esq. and appointed Greenspoon Marder, LLP/Joseph S. Geller, Esq., pursuant to Section 3.07 of the Village Charter, as Village Attorney.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF EL PORTAL, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.**

That the Village Manager is authorized to retain the legal services of Richard Sarafan, Esq. to negotiate a legal services agreement with Greenspoon Marder, LLP/Joseph S. Geller, Esq. for the Council's approval at a fee not to exceed \$3,500.00.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Village Council of the Village of El Portal Florida, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Claudia V. Cubillos, Mayor  
Village of El Portal

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pamela L. Latimore, MMC, Interim Village Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:  
Village Attorney,

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Greenspoon Marder, LLP/ Joseph S. Geller

Vote:

Councilperson Pirela:        \_\_\_ (Yes) \_\_\_ (No)  
Councilperson Urbom:        \_\_\_ (Yes) \_\_\_ (No)  
Councilperson Roman:        \_\_\_ (Yes) \_\_\_ (No)  
Vice Mayor Nickerson.:       \_\_\_ (Yes) \_\_\_ (No)  
Mayor Cubillos:                \_\_\_ (Yes) \_\_\_ (No)

I, Pamela L. Latimore, MMC, Interim Village Clerk of the Village of El Portal, Miami-Dade County, Florida, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Resolution No.: 2020-\_\_\_\_ adopted on this \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, as shown in the Official Records of the Village of El Portal, Miami-Dade County, Florida. Given under my hand and seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.