

TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

7:00 p.m.

4/08/2019

**244 Ocean Drive
Jupiter Inlet Colony Beach Club**

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Comerford at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call for the record:

Mayor Daniel Comerford
Vice-Mayor Milton Block
Commissioner Saeed Khan
Commissioner Richard Busto
Commissioner Michael Armato

Town Attorney William P. Doney
Town Administrator Kevin Lucas
Chief of Police John Pruitt
Town Clerk Jude Goudreau

Others in attendance: 60 members of the community.

2. Public Comments:
3. Vote: to approve Consent Agenda
 - a. March 2019 General Operating Fund Budget Report & Financial Statements
 - b. Minutes from March 11, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting

Discussion: None

MOTION: Vice-Mayor Block

VOTE: Unanimous

SECOND: Commissioner Armato
Motion passed.

4. Commission and Staff Reports:
 - a. Town Administrator: No Report
 - b. Chief of Police: Chief Pruitt invited everyone to the Tequesta Hurricane Fair this Saturday where they will fingerprint children. Chief Pruitt said they also attended Turtle Fest where he fingerprinted 500 children. He also commented on the recent Bike Rodeo and Pizza in The Park last Month that the POA and Garden Club sponsored.
 - c. Code Enforcement: No report.
 - d. Town Attorney: No report.
 - e. Commissioner Reports: No reports
 - f. Vice-Mayor: Vice-Mayor Block has attended numerous meetings in the past month. Vice Mayor Block informed the Commission and residents on an upcoming meeting 18th of April at the Jupiter Community Center. The subject

will be the plan for getting fresh water to the Loxahatchee River. There will be a meeting with Congressman Bryan Mast at Town Hall on Friday regarding lake levels at Lake Okeechobee. Vice Mayor Block thanked everyone involved with Pizza in the Park.

- g. Mayor: Mayor Comerford also thanked everyone for their participation with Pizza in the Park. Mayor Comerford and Tom Jensen, the town engineer will be presenting a paper on Septic to Sewer Conversions in Tampa, they will leave on Sunday, the day after the 60th Party. Mayor Comerford appealed to the audience for volunteers to set up and clean up after the party. Members of the audience questioned why people were turned away from the party, Mayor Comerford stated that we were over capacity and were not able to accommodate anyone else.

5. Vote: To award the contract to CEA Building Group for the Security Building.

Discussion: CEA Building Group was the lowest bidder out of the two companies that submitted bids. Twenty people responded to the RFP and only two submitted bid packets. Chris Sorenson was present to answer any questions. There was some negative feedback from the audience regarding Commissioner Armato's involvement with CEA Building Group. Attorney Doney was able to answer all questions. There were not ethical issues because the bids were sealed. Because of the financial involvement with the company, Commissioner Armato is recused from voting on this item. Mayor Comerford reminded the audience that the project is not being funded by taxpayer's dollars, but private donations. Several members of the community stated that they didn't think the Commissioner Armato should donate money to the building fund. Resident Fran Wiatr stated that we should be thanking the Commissioner for donating his private money to the fund. Vice Mayor Block reiterated that the lower bidder received the bid, and it was a sealed bid and should be a moot point.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Block made a motion to award the bid to CEA Building Group.

SECOND: Commissioner Busto

VOTE: Unanimous with Commissioner Armato Recused from the vote.

Motion passed.

6. Vote to issue an RFP for Camera System Upgrade.

We are moving forward with constructing a security building and we need to upgrade our camera system. The Chief explained the need for the system and License Plate Reader (LPR) technology and an additional camera on a pole. Our present system is failing rapidly and needs to be replaced. We rely on this system to solve crimes and protect the community. Chief Pruitt answered the audience's questions. Commissioner Khan recapped the discussion they had during the last meeting for those who were not present, his comments focused on the picture quality and the license plate and the need for better quality resolution cameras and the LPR program. Commissioner Busto is in favor of the new system, but not in favor of the addition of a camera on a pole at another location in town.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Block made a motion to issue an RFP for an upgraded camera system.

SECOND: Commissioner Khan

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion passed

7. Discussion: Town Speed Limit

Adam Kerr, Traffic Engineer from Kimley-Horn presented the results of a recent study for speeds on the roads in the Colony and how they conducted the study. The average speed in the colony was 23.5 m.p.h. There was a very lengthy discussion regarding the speed limit and whether or not it should be reduced. There was also a discussion regarding stop sign violations in the Colony and crosswalks. Chief Pruitt and Vice Mayor Block both said that stop sign violations are not exclusive to the Colony. Commissioner Busto was greatly in favor of reducing the speed limit. Many residents spoke for and against the reduction in speed limit. The Commission agreed to vote on the item at the next Commission meeting.

8. Neighborhood Rehabilitation Project Update:

We are at the very end of the project now and there are only one or two driveways left to do. There are only two homes that are not on the list to be connected and we are working on them.

9. Vice-Mayor Block motioned to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Commissioner Khan

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved by:

Mayor Daniel J. Comerford III

Date

Town Clerk Jude Goudreau

Date