

**TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

7:00 p.m.

8/12/2019

**Town Hall Building
50 Colony Road**

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

Others in attendance: Approximately 8 members of the community.

2. Public Comments: None

3. Vote: to approve Consent Agenda

- a. June 2019 General Operating Fund Budget Report & Financial Statements
- b. Minutes from June 11, 2019, Regular Commission Meeting

Discussion: None

MOTION: Vice-Mayor Block

SECOND: Commissioner Armato

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion passed.

4. Commission and Staff Reports:

- a. Town Administrator: No report
- b. Chief of Police: Chief Pruitt reminded everyone about fraudulent emails, with the holidays coming said be aware of scams, report anything you feel is fraudulent. Keep an eye out in the community for anything suspicious. Chief Pruitt responded to Art Landro's question about the recent shootings in the Town of Jupiter. Louise Cecchini asked if the rumor about JIC police merging with Jupiter Police was true. Chief Pruitt said it is not.
- c. Code Enforcement: No report.
- d. Town Attorney: No report.
- e. Commissioner Reports: No reports
- f. Vice-Mayor: Vice Mayor Block said in reference to the Narrows; He is going to appear before the FWC and request a slow wake zone between the bridge and Coral Cove Park. The Vice Mayor is asking for residents to show their support and write letters on behalf of the slow wake zone. He has a template available if anyone should need assistance. Vice-Mayor Block was approached regarding a driveway gate. Vice-Mayor Block is opposed to them and thinks they should be prohibited unless the resident asks for a variance.
- g. Mayor: Mayor Comerford announced that four of the five commissioners will

attend the Annual League of Cities Conference in Orlando next Wednesday. The Mayor will attend a four hour FEMA meeting on August 26th, and on August 29th, he will present a paper to the Storm Water Association in Punta Gorda, Florida. Mayor Comerford announced he will begin soliciting funds for an event the Town is sponsoring on October 5th in the Abacco Town Center. The event will feature Jason Newsted and the Chophouse Band, along with other Rock and Roll bands. All proceeds will go to the Little Smiles and other charities that support the arts in schools.

5. First Reading: Ordinance: 03-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 4 BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL, SECTION 4-7. LANDSCAPING AND LANDSCAPE PLANS; ARTIFICIAL TURF TO AMEND SUBSECTION (B)(3) IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE REQUIRED BUFFER FOR ARTIFICIAL TURF IN REAR AND SIDE YARD AREAS FROM FIVE (5') FEET TO TWO AND ONE HALF (2.5') FEET; PROVIDING AUTHORITY TO CODIFY, PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Discussion: Dr. William Whiteford explained the need for Ordinance change and answered questions. Earl Fischer, Chairman of the Building and Zoning Committee, was present and commented on the reason the Board was in favor of the change. Lisa Hines, Building and Zoning Committee Member, also commented and commended Mrs. Cecchini for bringing the matter before the Board as opposed to just installing it.

MOTION: Vice-Mayor Block SECOND: Commissioner Armato
VOTE: Unanimous Motion passed.

6. Vote: Resolution 2019-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL FOR THAT TOWN OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF COLONY ROAD AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE TOWN IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE USE OF SUCH PROPERTY AS A TOWN SECURITY BUILDING, TOGETHER WITH ANCILLARY AND RELATED USES; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Discussion: Mayor Comerford explained the Resolution. This was brought before the Village of Tequesta at their last meeting, a piece of the building sits in their jurisdiction. We also had to get a fire permit and have the land resurveyed and stake the property. The building will begin construction this week.

MOTION: Vice-Mayor Block SECOND: Commissioner Khan
VOTE: Unanimous Motion passed.

7. Resolution 2019-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA APPROVING THE STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN;

PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Discussion: Attorney Bill Doney explained the Ordinance and answered questions. Every Municipality in the State is signing this agreement for mutual aid.

MOTION: Vice-Mayor Block **SECOND:** Commissioner Busto

VOTE: Unanimous Motion passed.

8. **Discussion:** 2019-2020 FY Budget, which was presented at the last Commission Meeting. The budget has been updated since the previous meeting. The County and State revenue was not available at the last meeting and was an estimate, the numbers are now in, and there is only a difference of \$648.00. The Mayor answered Mrs. Hines' questions from the last Commission Meeting on the balance due for the loans for the underground project and the loan for the Town Hall building. Mayor Comerford also answered Commissioner Busto's questions regarding the balance in the General Fund and Reserve Fund at the end of the Fiscal Year and Beginning of the next Fiscal Year. Earl Fischer asked if there would be a reduction in the Non Ad Valorem Sewer Project. Mayor Comerford stated that the final payment from the contractor is not in yet, so there will not be a reduction this tax year. There was a brief discussion regarding; the loan payments and whether or not the Town could pay down on the Neighborhood Rehab Project Loan. The annual Non Ad Valorem Assessment, and the balance due on the loans.

Commissioner Khan brought up the subject of range salaries and performance bonuses, Attorney Doney commented on the legalities of this and the State requirements. Commissioner Busto commented on the medical insurance payments for employees, and the coverage and benefits. Commissioner Busto said Commission received a letter signed by staff asking that the medical insurance coverage and benefits not be changed. Mayor Comerford said that each year the Town researches the options and costs of other insurance plans. Commissioner Busto asked if we were entertaining the idea of changing to an HMO insurance. Commissioner Khan feels the Town should shop around for different plans and benefits. Commissioner Busto and Vice Mayor Block both said that they are not in favor of going to an HMO plan. Commissioner Busto made a motion to take the HMO plans off the table in support of the employees. Commissioner Khan seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. There was an additional discussion regarding the consent agenda and budget, also the budget amendments for this fiscal year.

9. **Neighborhood Rehabilitation Project Update.** Mayor Comerford said that two of the three remaining homes that were not connected to the sewer are now connected. There is only one remaining home that has to be connected.

