

**JUPITER INLET COLONY
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
Town Administration Building**

VIA TELECONFERENCE

Meeting ID: 5856288134

05/11/2020

7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Roll call for the record:

Mayor Daniel Comerford

Town Attorney William P. Doney

Vice-Mayor Milton Block

Chief of Police John Pruitt

Commissioner Michael Armato

Town Administer Kevin Lucas

Commissioner Richard Busto

Town Clerk Jude M. Goudreau

Commissioner Cindy Keim

Others in attendance: Approximately 21-23 members of the community via ZOOM.

2. Public Comments: Tracy Siani thanked the Commissioners for the thank you sign at the front entrance. Mrs. Siani also reminded and encouraged residents to vote by mail, and she also expressed concern for the sizes of the homes being purposed in the community and hopes the Building and Zoning Committee remembers the integrity of the neighborhood. Dr. DiGiallorenzo commented that he would like to see the Zoom meetings continue even after we are able to meet in person again.

3. Vote: to approve Consent Agenda

- a. April General Operating Fund Budget Report and Financial Statements
- b. Minutes from April 13, 2020, Regular Commission Meeting
- c. Cash Flow Report- Vice-Mayor Block gave a brief review of the budget and reserve funds. Fees are under budget, which will result in a decrease in reserve funds by the end of the Fiscal Year.

Motion: Vice Mayor Block made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Second: Commissioner Armato

VOTE: Unanimous. Motion passed.

4. Commission/Staff Reports

- a. Town Administrator- No Report
- b. Town Clerk-No Report
- c. Chief of Police- Chief Pruitt gave a brief update of the emergency orders set forth by the Governor, and beaches should be reopening on Monday. The extra detail will come to an end, and to date, 256 people and 111 vehicles were turned away from our beach during this time.
- d. Code Enforcement-No Report

- e. Town Attorney-No Report
- f. Commissioners: Commissioner Keim brought up the subject of decals for resident's vehicles. There was a discussion on whether the Town needs this type of security. Chief Pruitt, Commissioner Busto, and Vice-Mayor Block all commented on the two recent car thefts; they were crimes of opportunity. Chief Pruitt explained in detail that the officer on duty was checking a building at the time of the theft, but with the new technology that is being installed, every license plate will be checked, and the new cameras will have much better resolution. Vice- Mayor Block and Commissioner Busto both commended the Police Department for their hard work and keeping the community safe. Commissioner Keim also had questions about the proposed sign for the front of Town Hall. Mayor Comerford said once the Covid19 Pandemic has passed, we will get a drawing of the sign, and Commissioners will be able to voice their opinions. Commissioner Busto said he is glad the County is starting to reopen, and he reminded everyone to continue to wear their face masks. Commissioner Armato thanked Kevin Lucas and his staff for their hard work.
- g. Vice-Mayor: Mr. Block updated everyone on the recent meetings that he and Mayor Comerford attend via teleconference. Mr. Block reminded everyone to register for the upcoming meeting at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, held by the Bureau of Land Management for the JILONA property. Last year 40 to 50 JIC residents attended the meeting to express their concerns for the safety and use of the land. Vice Mayor Block feels that JIC is well supported and making progress.
- h. Mayor Comerford- The Mayor reminded everyone that on Saturday, May 16, at 11:00 a.m. the Social Committee would be sponsoring a parade to honor our JIC High School and College Graduates.

5. Vote to approve Proclamation (National Safe Boating Week).

Motion: Commissioner Busto made a motion to approve the Proclamation.

Second: Vice Mayor Block seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0. Motion passed.

6. Vote to approve Palm Beach Inter-local Cooperation Agreement.

Attorney Bill Doney gave a brief explanation about the Agreement. The Town signs this Agreement every three years.

Motion: Vice Mayor Block made a motion to approve the Agreement.

Second: Commissioner Armato.

VOTE: 5-0. Motion passed.

7. Police Dept. Updates- Chief Pruitt gave a detailed report of the recent car thefts. In the past thirteen years, there have been five crimes, all crimes of opportunity, all with keys or valuables left in the car. Recently it has been suggested that the Town hires a security guard for the front entrances; the Chief does not recommend this and feels it doesn't add anything to the Town. Chief Pruitt takes all crimes very seriously; the Chief said he loves this community and works hard to make sure citizens are safe. Chief Pruitt feels the new and improved security cameras will aid in further preventing crime.

8. Discussion: Security Camera Financing. Mayor Comerford explained that the new security camera system is almost complete, and it's time to decide on whether to finance the remaining balance or pay the balance in full and do a budget amendment. By consensus Commission would like to finance the balance for the remainder of the Fiscal Year and then pay in full next Fiscal Year. Commissioner Armato asked if we could raise funds through donations for the cameras.

9. Discussion: Auditor RFP. Mayor Comerford explained that the Town is not happy with the present Financial Auditors. The Audits are not being conducted in a timely manner and are being reported to the State late. After numerous discussions with the Auditors, the Audits are still late, this past year the Audit was not reported to the State until August, and it was due by June. By consensus the Commission would like to go ahead and have Attorney Doney prepare an RFP.

10. Neighborhood Rehabilitation Project Update / Security Building. Mayor Comerford said that one of the two remaining unconnected residents is now in the final stages of connecting, and the second resident has listed their home for sale. Mayor Comerford spoke with the Realtor and explained the situation and said the Town would not be able to clear the house during a lien search or public records search. The Realtor is willing to work towards getting his client to comply.

11. Wrap-up and Adjourn:
 Motion: Vice Mayor Block made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.
 Second: Commissioner Busto.
 VOTE: 5-0. Motion passed.

Approved by:

 Mayor Daniel J. Comerford III

 Date

 Town Clerk Jude M. Goudreau

 Date

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