

**JUPITER INLET COLONY
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

LIVE AND VIA ZOOM
Meeting ID 585 628 8134

12.12.2022

3:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Mayor Comerford Called the Meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Roll call for the record:

Mayor Daniel J. Comerford III
Vice-Mayor Milton Block
Commissioner Richard Busto
Commissioner Lisa Hines
Commissioner Marie Rosner

Chief of Police John Pruitt
Town Administrator Kevin Lucas
Town Attorney William P. Doney
Town Clerk Ivelisse Chico-Randazzo

Also present 6 members of the Community via zoom and in person

2. **Public Comments:** Cindy Keim made a request to the Commission to change the Commission meetings back to 7:00pm due to other people not being able to attend in person or via zoom. She also spoke about alerting the residents on the agenda via calling posts and/or emails. Vice Mayor Block stated that he is not opposed to sending out an email with the agenda. Mayor Comerford stated that he is not opposed to calling posts and email blasts to alert the residents on what is on the agenda.
3. **Vote:** to approve Consent Agenda
 - a. December 2022 General Operating Fund Budget Report and Financial Statements
 - b. Minutes from December 12, 2022, Regular Commission Meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Busto made a motion to approve.

Second: Commissioner Rosner seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

4. **Commission/Staff Reports:**

- a. **Town Administrator-** Kevin Lucas stated he was voted in as the Secretary for the Palm Beach County City Managers Association and they had a discussion regarding congratulating all Law Enforcement Officers on the donations that were given to the hurricane victims on the West Coast, and a special thank you was given to Chief Pruitt for his hurricane relief efforts.

- b. **Town Clerk** – The election qualifying period is over, and we will not have an election. Everyone was unopposed but we will have one new Commissioner who will replace Commissioner Lisa Hines.
- c. **Chief of Police**- Chief Pruitt congratulated the Commissioners on being reelected. He announced that we have a new Police Officer, Alan White. Santa Claus will be making an appearance at Caroling in the Park. Chief Pruitt made an announcement regarding Cato’s Bridge, will be closed overnight for repairs beginning at 5:00pm on 1/28/23 until 8:00am on 1/29/23 and again at 5:00pm on 2/4/23 until 8:00am on 2/5/23. Chief Trube will have fire rescue stationed here overnight.
- d. **Code Enforcement**- Mayor Comerford reported 4 incidents which were regarding permits. No violations issued.
- e. **Town Attorney** –No Report
- f. **Commissioner Reports**- No Report
- g. **Vice-Mayor** – Vice Mayor Block stated that Palm Beach County has two new Commissioners, he is looking forward to meeting them. He is still working with Jupiter on the Wastewater Program.
- h. **Mayor Comerford**- Mayor Comerford congratulated the Garden Club on a successful holiday Blooming Market. Mayor Comerford assisted in selling commemorative bricks to help fund the Garden Club. The Park is having all new electric and irrigation installed at the park. They also had 10 new trees planted in the park. Caroling in the Park would be held on Christmas Eve, the time would be determined. The candidate filling period closed at the end of November and Commissioner Busto and Mayor Comerford were unchallenged and the open seat for Commissioner Hines will be filled by Mark Ciarfella.

5. **Vote:** Second Reading: Ordinance 2022-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17 TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES BY AMENDING SECTION 17-3 *STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING RESTRICTED* OF ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO REVISE THE REGULATIONS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION PARKING; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT THROUGH CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS; PROVIDING AUTHORITY TO CODIFY, A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion: Vice Mayor Block made a motion to approve.

Second: Commissioner Rosner seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

6. **Vote:** First Reading: Ordinance 2022-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 9 NUISANCES OF ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 9-7.5 *TROPICAL STORM PREPAREDNESS; SECURING PROPERTIES* IN ORDER TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE SECURING OF PROPERTIES IN THE EVENT OF A DECLARED TROPICAL STORM WATCH OR WARNING OR HURRICANE WATCH OR WARNING IN PALM BEACH COUNTY OR MARTIN COUNTY; PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR THE TOWN TO ABATE A NUISANCE; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO IMPOSE A LIEN ON PROPERTY FOR THE COST OF ABATING SUCH A NUISANCE; PROVIDING AUTHORITY TO CODIFY, A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion: Vice Mayor Block made a motion to approve.

Second: Commissioner Rosner seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

7. **Discussion:** Use of Artificial Turf

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the use of Artificial Turf in front yards. Vice Mayor Block stated that an ordinance on artificial turf was created a while back and his concern is permeability. He stated that the idea of having artificial turf defeats the idea of green space and permeability because God forbid we have a storm, the best thing for absorbing water is grass and dirt. He is skeptical of this and opposed but is willing to listen. Commissioner Hines stated that while she was on the Building & Zoning Committee, they had a request for artificial turf due to health reasons and at the time, there was quite a bit of research done and technology might have evolved by now but in her opinion, this should go back to the Building & Zoning Committee for further discussion. Discussion was ended by the recommendation of it going back to the Building & Zoning Committee for further discussion.

8. **Discussion:** Donations and Charitable Giving

A lengthy discussion was held regarding Donations and Charitable Giving. Vice Mayor Block stated that the Town needs a policy as to how the Town will deal with Donations and Charities. Commissioner Busto stated that he was the one who asked this topic be added to the agenda. He stated that he does not have a problem with the Town deciding who the Town will support but does not believe that a Government entity should be calling constituents to give to a specific charity. Commissioner Hines stated that no good deed goes unpunished, and the Town should not be involved in this because the Town cannot say yes to everything. Commissioner Rosner stated that as a Town we should give mutual aid to other Towns, and she also agrees to have a policy in place because people do take advantage of others. Mayor Comerford agreed that a policy is needed. Mayor Comerford mentioned that Chief Pruitt was criticized for lending aid to people who were

hit by the hurricane and bringing supplies to the West Coast. The Mayor was also criticized for making announcements soliciting aid for those hit by the hurricane. The Commission agreed that a policy needs to be put in place and asked Town Attorney Doney to prepare a policy regarding Donations and Charitable Giving.

9. Wrap-up and adjourn.

Motion: Vice Mayor Block made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Second: Commissioner Busto seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

Approved by:

Mayor Daniel J. Comerford III

Date

Town Clerk Ivelisse Chico-Randazzo

Date

STATE MANDATED STATEMENT

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or Commission 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.

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