

**JUPITER INLET COLONY
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
TOWN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

11.08.2021

7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order 7:00 PM, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call.

Roll call for the record:

Mayor Daniel J. Comerford III	Chief of Police John Pruitt
Vice-Mayor Milton Block	Town Administrator Kevin Lucas
Commissioner Richard Busto	Town Attorney William P. Doney
Commissioner Lisa Hines (Absent)	Town Clerk Ivelisse Chico-Randazzo
Commissioner Cindy Keim	

Others in attendance: five members of the community.

2. Public Comments: None
3. Vote: to approve Consent Agenda
 - a. October 2021 General Operating Fund Budget Report and Financial Statements
 - b. Minutes from October 13, 2021, Regular Commission Meeting.

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

Second: Commissioner Busto seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Commission/Staff Reports
 - a. Town Administrator – No report
 - b. Town Clerk – No report
 - c. Chief of Police – Mayor Comerford stated that Chief Pruitt was going to be out for 2 weeks on medical leave and then on light duty for four weeks. Mayor Comerford also stated that the license plate reader cameras work perfectly. A stolen vehicle drove into the Town, the vehicle was not stolen from the Town. Capt. Matthews was alerted and pursued the vehicle out of Town. He pursued the vehicle into Martin County where the female driver was arrested, and several stolen items were recovered.
 - d. Code Enforcement – Mayor Comerford stated that the Village of Tequesta already has two cases they are prosecuting for the Town in their first week.
 - e. Town Attorney – No report
 - f. Commissioner Reports – No report

- g. Vice-Mayor- Vice Mayor Block stated that a week from Tuesday night would be the Jupiter meeting on the settled proposal on Harbourside, which is terrible. He was sending the Council in Jupiter and the Mayor a letter, not as Vice Mayor but as resident of Jupiter Inlet Colony stating the settlement is a terrible settlement.
- h. Mayor Comerford- Mayor Comerford mentioned that the Town will have an election on March 8th, 2022. Two of our Commissioners are up for reelection, Group 2, and Group 4. The qualifying period begins November 9th at noon and ends November 30th at noon. He encourages anyone who wants to run to file with the Town Clerk. Mayor Comerford stated that we had a successful Thanksgiving food drive for Child Net, for families that foster children here in Palm Beach and Broward Counties. Mayor Comerford also stated that there would be multiple events on Saturday, the Semi-Annual Beach Cleanup from 9:00am – 11:00am on both the north and south walkways run by Debra Landro and the Social Committee. The next event is the Dog Photo ID array from 10:00am- 3:00pm, Captain Matthews would be running it along with Kathie Comerford who will be the photographer and Allyn Harper who is the official dog whisperer and wrangler along with about eight other volunteers managing the dogs. Mayor Comerford proposed, based on the passing of the First Reading of the Additional Homestead Exemption Ordinance that a second meeting for the second reading be held on Wednesday, November 17th at 2:00pm.

- 5. Vote: To approve New Town Auditor - Vice Mayor Chip Block recommends Mauldin & Jenkins. They do Tequesta and have a presence in Palm Beach County. The other companies had good credentials but were more expensive.

Motion: Vice Mayor Block made a motion to approve Mauldin & Jenkins.
 Second: Commissioner Busto seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

- 6. Vote: First Reading of Ordinance 06-2021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION OF ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES BY CREATING A NEW ARTICLE IX. ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE GRANT OF AN ADDITIONAL \$50,000 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF 65 AND OTHERWISE MEET THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN SECTION 196.075, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE TOWN CLERK TO DELIVER A COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF PALM BEACH COUNTY UPON ADOPTION; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion: Commissioner Busto made a motion to adopt the Ordinance.
 Second: Vice Mayor Block seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

- 7. Vote: To approve Purchase of Replacement Police Vehicles

Chief Pruitt wrote up a proposal and attached an article on this. The two new Ford Explorers will be larger than the ones the Town currently has, and they are hybrid Explorers that are cheaper than gas Explorers to purchase by about \$500.00-\$600.00 and cheaper to run every year by an estimated 350 gallons of gas per year. The vehicles can be purchased, striped, wired with sirens and lights for a little bit less than \$40,000 each. They can be purchased with ARPA money which will need to be used within the next two years. Based on prices that the Chief had gotten, the current vehicles can be sold for about \$16,000 each and the money can be put back into the General Fund.

Motion: Commissioner Block made a motion to purchase replacement police vehicles.

Second: Vice Mayor Block seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

8. Wrap-up and adjourn.

Motion: Vice Mayor Block made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm.

Second: Commissioner Busto seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-0.

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.

Any person requiring a special accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the Town prior to the meeting. Please contact the Town Administration Office, Administration Building, 50 Colony Road, Jupiter Inlet Colony, and FL 33469 - telephone 746-3787.