

**JUPITER INLET COLONY
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

LIVE AND VIA ZOOM

Meeting ID 585 628 8134

06.13.2022

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 (absent)
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 8 members of the Community via zoom and in person.

2. Public Comments: A question was asked as to why the pavers in the park are being changed in the park. Mayor Comerford stated that the architect had recommended that the pavers be changed to a lighter color for part of the new design. It was what the Garden Club wanted, and they picked out the color, they paid for it with part of the \$30,000 that they raised. There is also contrast between the pavers and commemorative pavers and it was approved by the Beautification Committee. Traci Siani also brought up the enlarging of Town Hall for public usage, she asked about parking and how would it affect those residents must go somewhere with their cars. Vice Mayor Block stated at this time, it is too early for that discussion, and it will be addressed at the appropriate time.
3. Vote: to approve Consent Agenda
 - a. June 2022 General Operating Fund Budget Report and Financial Statements
 - b. Minutes from June 13, 2022, Regular Commission Meeting.

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

Second: Commissioner Rosner 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- Chief Pruitt announced the death of FFW Officer that was killed in an accident. He also announced that on June 1st the first Coffee with the Chief was held, and it went well with some residents. We also have 11 residents who are certified in CPR. Chief Pruitt is also watching the tropics.

- d. Code Enforcement- Mayor Comerford reported that there were 9 incidents that were addressed by Code Enforcement, none required violations to be issued but they were issued warnings. All the issues were resolved. Commissioner Hines asked if the 9 incidents were for the entire month. She asked if the Code Enforcement Officer finds any issues on her own. Mayor Comerford stated that the Code Enforcement Officer is in Town every day and she addresses many issues such as contractors who are not registered in Town or working without permits. Commissioner Hines asked if Code Enforcement works on Saturdays because there were cement trucks by 23 Ocean Dr. on a Saturday. She was informed that they had special permission to be there on the Saturday in question.
- e. Town Attorney –No Report
- f. Commissioner Reports- Commissioner Rosner stated that she attended the League of Cities meeting and the Mayors lunch with the Mayor and it was very nice time. Commissioner Hines provided a Social Committee updated, Pizza in the Park was a big success. She stated that the Committee will be meeting over the summer to set up dates to decide what events will be taking place next season. Commissioner Hines asked about the park now that the pavers have been laid down, she asked what else is going to happen and what is the timeline? Mayor Comerford basically said that it is a difficult question to answer. The Landscape architect has since retired and has informed the Marie Etherington that he should have the plans to her by the end of July. There are some big trees that must be removed from the Shelter Rd side of the park. They will be replaced with medium sized trees. The flagpole will also be removed. At some point after that they should see the finalized plans when they arrive.
- g. Vice-Mayor – Vice Mayor Block reported that he will have the honor and privilege of his annual first meeting at the County Commission on their budget workshop. He stated he would urge them to be fiscally responsible. Vice Mayor Block attended the Council meeting in Tequesta, and reported they are on board with supporting the \$100 million Water Bond which was proposed by water experts. Vice Mayor Block recommended that a letter to be sent to the Board of County Commissioners urging them to put the Water Bond the Environmental Bond, on the ballot for November. Vice Mayor Block stated that there has been some pushback because the business community wants an affordable housing bond for \$200 million dollars on the ballot. They are worried that the Water Bond will pass and the Housing Bond won't pass. The County has a history of supporting environmental bonds and they have two of them coming off this year. It costs the average taxpayer about \$10 per year. The projects are designed to improve the quality of water in the Loxahatchee River, the Lake Worth Lagoon and to enhance the water supply for all especially in North County. This issue will be voted on by the Board of County Commissioners on whether it should be put on the ballot.

Motion: Vice Mayor Block made a motion to adopt the letter, sign it and send it to the Board of County Commissioners. Seconded: Commissioner Rosner seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

- h. Mayor Comerford- Mayor Comerford made an announcement that we are hosting on June 22nd along with the Village of Tequesta the League of Cities meeting. Mayor Comerford stated that he and Town Administrator Kevin Lucas attended the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust Hurricane workshop in the City of Sunrise on June 1st. Mayor Comerford also attended with Lt. Bob Schultz, the Law Enforcement awards ceremony for Police recognition for the four-county area at PGA National on June 3rd. Mayor Comerford and Chief Pruitt attended the Fire Rescue Police Awards in Tequesta. Mayor Comerford thanked the members of the Social Committee for doing a wonderful job with

Pizza in the Park and for Commissioner Hines being the liaison to the Committee. Mayor Comerford will be having a meeting with County Commissioner Maria Marino and part of the agenda will be to try and convince her to support the Water Bond.

5. Discussion: Short Term Rentals

Discussion has been postponed due to Commissioner Busto being absent.

Motion: Vice Mayor Block made the motion to postpone the meeting.

Second: Commissioner Rosner seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-0.

6. Vote: To approve Memorandum of Understanding with BLM

Chief Pruitt stated that the memorandum would give the ability to help them enforce issues that Tequesta, Jupiter and PBSO are members of. Chief Pruitt stated that he was hesitant at first to join because all the other agencies had received monies to do enforcement and although he was instrumental in organizing it all, he was not included in the financial part of it. He stated that by being a part of the MOU, he will try to work on getting reimbursed for some the enforcement. Chief Pruitt stated that he has been in communication with the National BLM officers and their management team and they will hold quarterly meetings to discuss what the plans are and for more enforcement. Vice Mayor Block added that this is very important, he said it has not worked out very well for the Sheriff or Jupiter but has been moderately successful for Tequesta to do enforcement. Vice Mayor Block stated that we have much more incentive than any of the other agencies. The good news is that it looks like the plan is moving ahead for the natural shoreline as they received another \$600,000.00 in funding. In the meantime, we can take some action by virtue of the MOU and test it by stationing officers there on weekends to see if something can be done about the bad behavior. If it doesn't work, then we can say we tried. If it works, there will be money after September from the BLM to supplement our budget in terms of supporting our presence there. Vice Mayor Block stated the next meeting on JILONA by the BLM on the shoreline will be tentatively scheduled for the end of the month, however he thinks it will be pushed to the middle of July since the engineers are still working on the schematics. Vice Mayor Block and Mayor Comerford will be in touch with Peter DeWitt to make sure things stay on course. Commissioner Hines had a question regarding the police what the outcomes might be in enforcing things. Vice Mayor Block stated that they will have an extra police officer on duty. Mayor Comerford stated that the Chief is proposing on having an extra police officer with a car for an 8-hour shift on a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The officer, every 15 minutes or so, will walk along the shoreline. In the hopes of having the police officer there with a car, will help modify some of the behavior that goes on there.

Motion: Vice Mayor Block made a motion to approve the MOU with BLM on JILONA.

Second: Commissioner Rosner seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-0.

7. Wrap-up and adjourn.

Motion: made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:41p.m.

Second: Commissioner seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-0.

Approved by:

Mayor Daniel J. Comerford III

Date

Town Clerk Ivelisse Chico-Randazzo

Date

STATE MANDATED STATEMENT

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