

**JUPITER INLET COLONY  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

Via Zoom Only

Meeting ID 585 628 8134

**02.08.2021**

**7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

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

Roll call for the record (via Zoom):

Mayor Daniel Comerford  
Vice-Mayor Milton Block  
Commissioner Michael Armato  
Commissioner Richard Busto  
Commissioner Cindy Keim

Chief of Police John Pruitt  
Town Attorney William P. Doney  
Town Administer Kevin Lucas  
Town Clerk Jude M. Goudreau

Others in attendance: Approximately 50 members of the community via Zoom.

1. Public Comments: None
2. Vote: to approve Consent Agenda
  - a. January 2021 General Operating Fund Budget Report and Financial Statements
  - b. Minutes from January 11, 2021, Regular Commission Meeting.
  - c. Cash Flow Report- Vice-Mayor

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

Second: Commissioner Armato seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

3. Commission/Staff Reports
  - a. Town Administrator- Mr. Lucas reminded everyone of the rules of public meetings. Three minutes per person, one turn per topic.
  - b. Chief of Police- No Report
  - c. Code Enforcement- Mayor Comerford said Officer Folbrecht issued three stop-work orders, responded to one complaint, and found two companies working without a Business Tax Receipt. Total Fines/Fees Collected is \$1331.64
  - d. Town Attorney –No Report
  - e. Commissioners: No Reports
  - f. Vice-Mayor: No Report
  - g. Mayor Comerford- reminded everyone to stay diligent with the Publix website for the appointments for the Covid19 vaccines. The County should be getting more supplies and should be notifying people soon. Many people have received their vaccines through the County and Publix already and the Site in Miami/Dade that was provided

to residents. The Mayor said he will be on a conference call tomorrow with the Bureau of Emergency Management and will inform our residents of any updates. Mayor Comerford said they are seeking volunteers through February 26, 2021, for the Building and Zoning Committee and the Social Committee; all interested parties can contact Chief John Pruitt. Appointments will be made at the March Organizational Meeting.

4. Vote: Interlocal Agreement- with the Village of Tequesta Appointing a Special Magistrate. Discussion: Mayor Comerford explained the need to sign an agreement with the Village to utilize their Code Enforcement Magistrate to reduce our Town's expense when the need to bring Code Enforcement cases forward occurs. Attorney Doney said we would present our cases in front of their Magistrate for a fee of \$45.00 per case.

Vice Mayor Block made a motion to approve the agreement with the Village of Tequesta. Commissioner Keim seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Vote: Resolution number 2021-01 to appoint a Special Magistrate for Code Enforcement Hearing. Attorney Bill Doney said the Village uses Keith Wagner, Attorney and Professor at FAU as their Magistrate.

Vice Mayor Block made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Keim seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Discussion: Street Signs- Mayor Comerford said sign designs were put on our website, and residents emailed their choices to the Chief. Approximately 27 votes, 8-11% of the homes in the Colony voted. The choices made are white/green lettering twenty-one votes, green/white lettering five votes. There were four toppers to choose from, and the top vote was for large pineapples on the top. Mayor Comerford said the signs are not ready to be ordered just yet, and there is still time to voice your opinion. Today, it was brought to his attention that mostly every highway sign is green/white for safety reasons. Several residents spoke about the signs and agreed that the choice should be green signs with white lettering for more visibility. Mrs. Shelley Boyce commended the Town for allowing the residents to have a say in the signs; most other Cities/Towns do not give their residents a choice. Leslie Swensen feels the Town did not provide the residents with enough choice. Tony Prosser said he never received a notice to vote. Mayor Comerford said he would speak to the Town's Traffic Engineer, Review the articles sent to him, and encouraged residents to send their choices to the Chief when re-posted on the website.

7. Discussion: Marine Unit. Chief Pruitt gave his apologies for not attending last month's meeting due to a medical emergency. Since the information was made available after the meeting in error, there was a lot of assumed misinformation circulating. Chief Pruitt gave a detailed overview to residents as to how the Marine Unit was brought to the Town's attention. A group of residents have proposed purchasing a boat through private donations to aid in the fight against the weekend and night partying and destruction at the JILONA land across from the homes on Lighthouse Drive. Chief Pruitt gave estimated expenses and proposed an increase in budget for the next Fiscal Year. Chief Pruitt also said he would be applying for grants and any Federal monies available. A firm can also be obtained for a \$1500 retainer that will search for grants for the Town. Funds from the Bureau of Land Management would pay the officers to man the boat. At this time, there is an M.O.U. between Tequesta, Jupiter, and PBSO with the BLM for a detail requiring a boat to participate. JIC is not able to contribute in-depth in the efforts to prevent the destruction and noise.

Dr. Ryan Simovitch, a resident of Lighthouse Drive, presented a PowerPoint slide show outlining the behavior and impact the boaters and pedestrians have on the JILONA area. The PowerPoint outlined the lewd, unruly, loud, and destructive behavior that is ongoing. Numerous residents commented in favor of getting a Marine Unit to alleviate the continuing destruction and noise and have added police presence in areas where we don't have it now. Other residents spoke against acquiring and supporting a Marine Unit.

Commissioners Keim and Busto are not in favor of increasing the budget next fiscal year to support the Marine Unit. Commissioner Busto feels the Federal Government should step up to protect the JILONA property. Commissioner Armato said he wasn't on board with increasing the budget but agrees that something must be done at any rate to alleviate the horrible situation. Mayor Comerford encouraged residents to write their opinions to the Chief on the website.

8. Wrap-up and Adjourn.

Motion: Vice Mayor Block made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM.

Second: Commissioner Keim seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

Approved by:

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Mayor Daniel J. Comerford III

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Date

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Town Clerk Jude M. Goudreau

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Date

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