TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

7:00 p.m.
6/11/2019
Town Hall Building
50 Colony Road

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Comerford at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call for the record:

Mayor Daniel Comerford
Vice-Mayor Milton Block
Commissioner Saeed Khan
Commissioner Richard Busto
Commissioner Michael Armato

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

Others in attendance: 25 members of the community.

2. Guest Speakers: Lisa Stone from Kimley- Horn, Bing Wong and Steve Hedge from Florida Department of Transportation, and Mike Sileno from Hardesty & Hanover presented residents and Commission with a power point presentation and answered questions for the upcoming bridge project on Highway US 1. Several residents asked questions regarding the upcoming bridge project; road closure, boat traffic and emergency response times during the project. The project is in the final planning stages and is expected to take 42-65 months once started. The final project will result in a higher, wider, faster and more pedestrian friendly bridge. There will be a website available in the very near future. The Powerpoint presentation will be on the Town’s website.

3. Public Comments: Kathie Comerford reminded everyone that we are in hurricane season and all trees and coconut trees should be trimmed well in advance of any storms.

4. Vote: to approve Consent Agenda
   b. Minutes from May 13, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting
   c. Minutes from May 13, 2019 Local Planning Agency Meeting

Discussion: None
MOTION: Vice-Mayor Block
VOTE: Unanimous
SECOND: Commissioner Armato
Motion passed.

5. Commission and Staff Reports:
   a. Town Administrator: No Report
   b. Chief of Police: We have received over $12,000.00 in reimbursements this week from FEMA for Hurricane Irma. Chief Pruitt also reminded residents that the Police Department has a house watch program and encouraged residents to let the PD know when they would be away. Mayor Comerford thanked Chief Pruitt for all of the hard work getting the FEMA packet in on time and getting the money reimbursed.
d. Town Attorney: No report.

e. Commissioner Reports: None

e. Vice-Mayor: Vice Mayor Block said the meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at the Lighthouse, hosted by the Bureau of Land Management for JILONA was well represented by JIC Residents. Many residents also wrote emails and letters to the BLM to advocate that JILONA be kept as is, and that we want passive use of the land over there. Vice Mayor Block said JIC was well represented and we made a significant impact on BLM.

In other news, Vice Mayor Block has plans to meet with Charles Modica developer and owner of the Suni Sands, property to ensure that whatever is planned for that area preserves the land and sea life. Mr. Modica has been very cognizant of our wishes for minimal impact there. So far there are not any plans to build a boat house, and Vice-Mayor Block will see the plans tomorrow at their meeting. The Vice-Mayor has also met with the Jupiter Planning Commission and three Councilmen, to make sure they know our desire is to keep the area a low impact area. So far it looks like one million-dollar condos are proposed. Vice-Mayor Block will know more after tomorrow’s meeting. There was a request from The Pelican Club for Live Fireworks in the Inlet; Vice-Mayor Block believes that the request will be rejected at the next Jupiter Council Meeting. Last night the County had its First Budget Workshop, the Sherriff is asking for half of the one and a half billion-dollar budget. The next County Budget Hearing will be July 2, 2019.

g. Mayor: Mayor Comerford thanked everyone for their support with the JILONA meeting. The outpour from residents was spectacular. The Mayor and Vice-Mayor will be heading to Orlando on Thursday and Friday on behalf of the Town. Mayor Comerford said that he and the Vice-Mayor are working on a more formal way to meet with residents. Mayor Comerford said they will host a coffee hour for residents once a week, to meet with him and Vice-Mayor Block. The object is to meet with residents to discuss town issues. The meetings will be announced, and because of the Sunshine Laws will be held individually, alternating weeks.

6. Vote: Second Reading: Ordinance: 02-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 4 BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL, SECTION 4-2. TERM OF BUILDING PERMITS; LANDSCAPE PLANS; FILL, REMOVAL OR REGRADING PLANS; PLOT PLAN, MAXIMUM HEIGHT CERTIFICATION REQUIRED IN ORDER TO DELETE SUBSECTION (d) PERTAINING TO LANDSCAPING AND LANDSCAPE PLANS; BY FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 4-2 TO RENUMBER THE SAME, BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 4-7 TITLED LANDSCAPING AND LANDSCAPE PLANS; ARTIFICIAL TURF IN ORDER TO PROVIDE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR LANDSCAPING AND TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL TURF WITHIN THE TOWN; PROVIDING AUTHORITY TO CODIFY; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Comerford read by title only the Ordinance and gave a brief explanation of what the Ordinance and what its purpose is. There was no discussion.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Block made a motion to approve the Ordinance. SECOND: Commissioner Khan.
VOTE: Unanimous

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7. Vote: To approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with SCPDC for Software License and Service Agreement for Town Building Department Permit Issuance and Maintenance.

Discussion: Chief Pruitt gave a brief description and explanation for the need to purchase the new software. The software will assist residents and contractors and store records more adequately than our outdated system.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Block made a motion to approve the agreement.
SECONDE: Commissioner Khan
VOTE: Unanimous

Vote: to approve the security camera contract received through RFP. C.S.I. of Palm Beach was the only bidder with a bid of $58,130.00 and a maintenance fee of $540.00 monthly. Chief Pruitt gave a detailed description of where the cameras will be placed and what the cameras will be used for, adding that there will be a new license plate recognition reader installed as well. The much-needed updated cameras, as well as the LPR camera, will enable officers to watch the town from their vehicles, and officers will be alerted when a stolen vehicle, or wanted individual enters the town. Kurt Freedman from CSI Palm Beach was present to answer questions. After a brief discussion, it is by consensus that the item is tabled until Mr. Freedman can provide a demo of the cameras to Commissioners.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Block made a motion to table the item. SECONDE: Commissioner Khan.
VOTE: Unanimous

8. Discussion: Use of Fertilizer. The Town of Jupiter recently received some public attention for passing an Ordinance banning the use of fertilizer during the summer. It is voluntary compliance now, but they came out with a list of products that can be purchased locally. We will post the list of products that are environmentally friendly on the Town’s website. The Town is encouraging residents not to use fertilizer at all during the summer months.


Chief Pruitt has checked with Tom Jensen and Adam Kerr, the Traffic Engineer for Kimley-Horn regarding the placement of signs. There is a state ordinance that says if a jurisdiction has a policy installing speed limits signs at the entrance of town that indicates the speed limit throughout the town, you only have to post one sign at the entrance of town. According to Adam Kerr, as long as the “All Roads” sign is posted over the speed limit sign at the entrance, you do not have to post them throughout the Town.

There was also a discussion regarding street signs and stop signs. Mayor Comerford said that the Town would be ordering new signs in the next month or so. Commissioner Busto commented that now that the construction from the NRP project is complete he would like to see the street signs back up. The discussion will continue next month.

10. Discussion: Employee Health Premiums. Mayor Comerford said that during the 2008 recession health insurance premiums were rolled back from 100% to 80% coverage for employees and 20% paid for by employees. He would like to cover the employee’s health insurance 100%, which would result in the Town increasing the budget by $17,000 a year. Commissioner Busto recommended a survey be conducted of all towns to see what they cover for health insurance premiums; he feels that no other towns pay more than 80%. Commissioner Khan recommended we compare our PPO to an HMO. After a brief discussion, The Town Clerk will send out a survey to other towns.
11. Neighborhood Rehabilitation Project Update. The Mayor will be meeting with Richie Gibbs from Gianetti soon to wrap up the financial part of the project and hopefully there will be a reduction in the Non Ad-valorem taxes.

12. Commissioner Khan motioned to adjourn the meeting.
   SECOND: Vice-Mayor Block
   The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Approved by:

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Mayor Daniel J. Comerford III  Date

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Town Clerk Jude M. Goudreau  Date