

**JUPITER INLET COLONY
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
Jupiter Inlet Colony Beach Club
244 Ocean Drive**

**LIVE AND VIA ZOOM
Meeting ID 585 628 8134**

01/08/2024

7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Vice Mayor Ciarfella Called the Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call for the record:

Vice Mayor Mark Ciarfella
Commissioner Marie Rosner
Commissioner Ed Hocevar
Commissioner Bill Muir

Chief of Police Dan Kerr (absent)
Town Administrator Kevin Lucas
Town Attorney William P. Doney
Town Clerk Ivelisse Chico-Randazzo

2. Public Comments – No public comments

3. Vote: To approve Consent Agenda

- a. December 2023 General Operating Fund Budget Report & Financial Statements.
- b. Minutes from December 11, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Hocevar made a motion to approve the consent agenda

Second: Commissioner Rosner seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-0

4. Commissioner / Staff Reports

- a. **Town Administrator-** T.A. Lucas provided the Code Enforcement report. There were 6 violations, all were resolved.
- b. **Town Clerk –** No report
- c. **Chief of Police-** Police Officer Jim Cummings that there were 3,168 patrols for the previous month. He made an announcement on the Citizens Advisory Meeting would be held January 16 at 6:30pm in Town Hall. Officer Cummings also reported that in the surrounding areas they are experiencing catalytic converter thefts. He advised residents to keep their vehicles secure.
- d. **Code Enforcement-** Report was given by Town Administrator Kevin Lucas.
- e. **Town Attorney –** No report
- f. **Commissioner Reports-** Commissioner Muir thanked everyone for supporting him this last month while he gets used to his new position. Commissioner Rosner thanked the Social Committee for helping with the decorations. She announced

that on January 22 the Social committee will have a speaker come to the Beach Club from the Office of Resilience. She stated that the Garden Club will have the rest of the Christmas decorations taken down this week. Commissioner Hocevar reported on the quiet zones. He spoke with the Village Manager from Tequesta; Tequesta is waiting to see what the Town of Jupiter does.

- g. **Mayor's Report** – Vice Mayor Ciarfella thanked former Mayor Chip Block for his steady leadership during the last few months. He also discussed landscaping. He feels that as a community they have dropped some of the standards as far as landscaping is concerned in new home construction. He asked for the B&Z committee to pay particular attention to landscape plans and utilize the consultant to make sure they are to a certain standard. He also asked the Commission if they are willing to have Bill Whiteford come up with a landscape ordinance that would mandate specific landscape standards on new home construction.

5. Vote: Resolution 01-2024 Appointing a New Mayor.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA, FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF TOWN COMMISSION MEMBER/MAYOR (GROUP 1); PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marie Rosner made a motion to nominate herself for the position of Mayor. There was no second on her motion.

Commissioner Ed Hocevar made a motion to nominate himself for the position of Mayor. Commissioner Bill Muir seconded the motion.

Ed Hocevar was appointed as Mayor and sworn in by Town Clerk Ivelisse Chico-Randazzo.

Motion: Commissioner Muir made a motion to nominate Ed Hocevar for Mayor.

Second: Commissioner Rosner seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-0.

6. Vote: Resolution 02-2024 Appointing a New Commissioner

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF TOWN COMMISSION MEMBER; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Hocevar started a discussion on whether to hold off appointing a commissioner to fill the vacancy. He proposed not appointing a commissioner for the remaining two months. Commissioner Rosner asked Mayor Hocevar what his reasoning was for not appointing a commissioner now. He stated that they have a candidate that formally submitted their paperwork for the election in March. Commissioner Muir stated there was only one candidate that is eligible to run in March. Commissioner Rosner stated they can appoint her now since she will be taking the seat in March. Mayor Hocevar asked Sharon

Seagren if she would be okay being appointed as an interim Commissioner until she takes office in March. Sharon stated she would be happy to be appointed now. The Commission voted unanimously to have Sharon Seagren appointed as Commissioner.

Sharon Seagren was sworn in as Commissioner.

Motion: Commissioner Muir made a motion to nominate Sharon Seagren for Commissioner.

Second: Commissioner Rosner seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-0.

7. Discussion: Beach Erosion / Beach Restoration

Mayor Hocesvar asked Chip Block to discuss the beach erosion. Chip stated he and Town Administrator Kevin Lucas had a meeting in November with PBC Environmental Resources Management. He stated that the beach is a Town asset. He recommended that the Mayor appoint someone to be the point person to represent the community to work with Kimley Horn. He asked Town Administrator Kevin Lucas to schedule a workshop meeting with the engineers.

8. Discussion: Zoom

Discussion by the commission regarding the continuation of using zoom or video conferencing. Mayor Hocesvar stated that he is an advocate for video conferencing because there are people who cannot attend the meetings in person so using video conferencing gives them the opportunity to attend. Commissioner Rosner asked how this relates to commission members attending remotely. Town Attorney Doney stated that there are opinions from the Attorney General on the attendance of commission members. He stated that there always must be a quorum to have a meeting. The Town does not have any policy on commission members attending meetings via zoom (video conferencing). Town Attorney Doney stated he will research what other towns have policies regarding video conferencing and get back to the commission.

9. Discussion: Should Chip Block continue to represent the Town in the Chamber of Commerce, JILONA and Suni Sands issues.

Discussion by the Commissioners and Chip Block regarding Chip Block staying on the Chamber of Commerce committees, JILONA, Sunni Sands, and the Florida League of Cities committees. It was agreed that Chip would continue to represent the Town in the Chamber of Commerce committees, JILONA and Sunni Sands. The Florida League of Cities committees must be represented by an elected official as well as the Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs committee.

10. **Wrap-up and adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:52p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Hocevar made a motion to approve.

Second: Commissioner Rosner seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-0.

Approved by:

Mayor Ed Hocevar

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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