

**JUPITER INLET COLONY
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
Immediately Following LPA Meeting
Jupiter Inlet Colony Beach Club
244 Ocean Drive**

LIVE AND VIA ZOOM

Meeting ID 585 628 8134

02/12/2024

7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Mayor Hocevar Called the Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Roll call for the record:

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

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

- 2. Public Comments** – Chip Block read a prepared statement regarding the election and why residents should vote yes to the referendum. Tracy Siani thanked Mayor Hocevar for the work he has done. She stated that she has been a doubter but as long as she has been reassured, she will be happily voting on what Chip described.

3. Vote: To approve Consent Agenda

- a. January 2024 General Operating Fund Budget Report & Financial Statements.
- b. Minutes from January 08, 2024, Regular Commission Meeting.

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

Second: Commissioner Muir seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0

4. Commissioner / Staff Reports

- a. **Town Administrator-** No report
- b. **Town Clerk** – No report
- c. **Chief of Police-** Chief Kerr thanked everyone for their assistance with the crime prevention efforts. Last month officers did 3507 safety patrols. He stated they currently have 1 part time opening and 1 full time opening. He hopes to be at full staff soon.
- d. **Code Enforcement-** Report was given by T.A. Kevin Lucas, there were 6 incidents and all were resolved.

- e. **Town Attorney** – No report
- f. **Commissioner Reports**- Vice Mayor Ciarfella asked for an update on the landscaping ordinance and also inquired about the conference that T.A. Lucas attended. T.A. Lucas informed Vice Mayor Ciarfella that he attended the managers winter conference and it was regarding AI. Regarding the landscaping issue, T.A. Lucas stated that the house in question would be inspected the next day by Bill Whiteford. He stated that the building and zoning committee are working on the language for an ordinance which will then go to the Town Attorney to be drafted and then presented to the Commission. Commissioner Seagren reported that she has been working with the Town of Jupiter Island, they have a beach engineer and she has also been working with contacts at the Army Corp of Engineers and the DEP to see if there is beach nourishment. They use vessels off shore to maintain the integrity of the beach. She is trying to get a license for the Town and Palm Beach County if it is something the Town would like to do, it would be available to the Town. Commissioner Muir reported that he was tasked to be a liaison with the town engineer in reference to the roads, storm-drains and sewers. He stated that the crown on Lighthouse Dr. between 95-102, has dropped so they are trying to evaluate it to see if there is any long-term damage. They are waiting for the report with the results.
- g. **Mayor's Report** –Mayor Hocesvar reported that when he first took office, he wanted to address that the town has a considerable amount of funds in the operating budget and there is a better opportunity to get better returns. He met with the vice president of TD Bank and they will be pursuing that. He also addressed the current permitting process and fee collection process is out of date. He stated that since we are still in a State of Emergency, we have no authority to pursue fees from contractors. He stated we need to restructure the process and at the next commission meeting we should have an ordinance and resolution to address the permit times and the fees. The proposal is to collect most of the fees upfront.

5. **Discussion and Vote: First Reading Ordinance 02-2024**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE V. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY IN ORDER TO CREATE A NEW DIVISION 2, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A COASTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE AND FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ITS MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR THE SELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON, QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS AND FOR MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mayor Hocesvar stated he was not happy with the title of the committee. He suggested that he did not want to defer to it as a Coastal Protection Committee but instead as the preservation of the entire peninsula, it's not about addressing coastal issues on the beach, on the inlet and the intracoastal. He proposed to form a committee to understand what would be required to prepare the Town to make the proper contacts within government and also organize the Town to get proper funding when needed and when there would be an emergency. Commissioner Muir suggested having an odd number of members, he suggested 4 from the interior and 3 from the coast line which will represent the number homeowners. Another suggestion was to stagger the term of the members and make it two years instead of one. No vote was taken on this ordinance.

6. Vote: Resolution 2024-03 Filling Vacancy of Building and Zoning Committee

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA FILLING VACANCIES ON THE BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The Commission appointed Katharine Murray and Matthew Carrera to the Building and Zoning Committee

Motion: Commissioner Rosner made a motion to approve the appointment of Katharine Murray and Matthew Carrera to the Building and Zoning committee.

Second: Vice Mayor Ciarfella seconded the motion

Motion passed 5-0.

7. Vote: First Reading of Ordinance 01-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO ITS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND TO AMEND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE TOWN'S FIVE YEAR SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; BY FURTHER AMENDING ITS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADOPT A NEW PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT IN ORDER TO RESPECT JUDICIALLY ACKNOWLEDGED AND CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO AS REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Motion: Commissioner Rosner made a motion to approve Ordinance 01-2024

Second: Vice Mayor Ciarfella seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

8. Discussion: Building and Zoning changes to the fee schedule and project duration

Mayor Hocesvar stated that there will be more to come at the next commission meeting; they are working with B&Z to update the ordinances and resolutions on permit fees and permit durations.

9. Discussion: Update on Beach Erosion

Mayor Hocevar reported that he met with the contractor who will be bringing in sand. Since we are in a State of Emergency, we are not required to apply for a permit. Ted Rauch with his relationship with the Loxahatchee River District was able to identify 10,000 cubic yards of sand that is available to us to use immediately. Mike Jenkins was present for additional information. Mayor Hocevar stated they are moving forward with the work. He was waiting for the contract to be provided by the contractor. They will be using some emergency reserve funds. He expected the work to last approximately a month. The trucks will begin coming to Town during the week, they would be working six days a week. The access would be through the beach club to stage and bring the sand there. Mayor Hocevar reminded everyone that this is not the long-term solution but it is something to mitigate further damage. If they did not add the sand, it would further compromise the homes. Regarding the rock revetment wall, which would be the preferred approach, the requirement would be to go through the DEP. Mayor Hocevar was in touch with the state senator, state representative and they are reaching out the Governor's office to try to fast track the permitting process. There is also the issue of turtle season which officially begins March 1st. There may be the ability to work through April, but if they identify any nests, it can complicate the project.

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

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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