



## MINUTES

**Special Commission Meeting  
Log Cabin - 640 NE 114th Street  
Biscayne Park, FL 33161  
Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:30pm**

**1 Call to Order**

Mayor David Coviello called the meeting to order at 6:39pm.

**2 Roll Call**

Mayor David Coviello - present  
Vice Mayor Roxanna Ross - present  
Commissioner Bob Anderson - absent  
Commissioner Fred Jonas - present  
Commissioner Barbara Watts - absent (*arrived at 6:48pm*)

Present from staff were:

Village Manager Sharon Ragoonan  
Village Clerk Maria C. Camara  
Village Attorney John Hearn  
Finance Manager Claude Charles  
Parks & Recreation Manager Shelecia Bartley  
Captain Hector Pineda

**3 Pledge of Allegiance**

In recognition of Veteran's Day, veterans from Biscayne Park were recognized. The pledge was led by Dan Samaria.

**4 Additions, Deletions or Withdrawals to the Agenda**

4.a Captain Pineda introduced two new Reserve Police Officers, Madelyn Valdes and Osvaldo Castillo. Both were then sworn in by Clerk Camara.

4.b Captain Pineda recognized Officer Omar Martinez for his performance.

4.c Captain Pineda recognized Chuck Ross for his efforts with the Community Safety Day.  
Manager Bartley recognized Rosemary Wais for her efforts and countless volunteer hours at the Recreation Center.

4.d Amy Raymond, Public Art Advisory Board: On November 8th, residents voted for their favorite mural design, and in addition, \$205 was collected in donations to go towards the paint materials for the mural.

## 5 Additions, Deletions or Withdrawals to the Agenda

Commissioner Watts: Add a discussion on a Commissioner voting if not living in the Village in the foreseeable future.

## 6 Public Comments Related to Agenda Items / Good & Welfare

Chester Morris: On Resolution 2016-37 to buy police cars, should wait until the next Commission. Let them be a part of the discussion. Rotary of Miami Shores has a flag program for \$50/year. A worthwhile project for residents to get involved in and participate.

Tracy Truppman: For full transparency, asking that items 7.a, 7.b, and 7.c to be pulled from agenda. These are expenses for 2016-17 and are not pressing needs.

Mac Kennedy: On cats, thank you for bringing forward. Need better understanding on the language. It is not enforceable. Do not understand what it will accomplish. In regards to the added agenda item, do not understand the logic. All the commissioners will one day leave.

Jenny Johnson-Sardella: (E-mail read by Clerk Camara) Campaign theme was transparency and providing full disclosure to residents. Tonight's meeting original just for budget amendment, then additional items later added. These items relate to fiscal expenditures and should be discussed at a regular meeting. Going forward, will assure residents will be provided full disclosure.

Attorney Hearn confirmed that you can add items to the agenda for a Special meeting, up to and including at the meeting; and that the items included in the agenda for this meeting were properly noticed.

## 7 Consent

Commissioner Watts asks to pull items 7.a, Resolution 2016-37 and 7.b, Resolution 2016-38

Left on the consent agenda:

### 7.c Resolution 2016-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA; **AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK AND DAVID T. CASERTA GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, INC.** AS THE LOBBYING FIRM FOR THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Vice Mayor Ross makes a motion to approve and it is seconded by Commissioner Jonas.

All in favor: Mayor Coviello, Vice Mayor Ross, Commissioner Jonas and Commissioner Watts.

Opposed: None  
Motion carries: 4/0

7.a **Resolution 2016-37**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, **AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR FOUR (4) POLICE VEHICLES** FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Attorney Hearn read the title and Manager Ragoonan provided the background.

Commissioner Watts: Special meeting does not usually have these types of items. Newly elected Commissioners has questions for the police budget. Would also want to get input from the future new Police Chief on this purchase.

After discussion, Vice Mayor Ross makes a motion to approve Resolution 2016-37 and it is seconded by Commissioner Jonas.

All in favor: Mayor Coviello, Vice Mayor Ross, and Commissioner Jonas.

Opposed: Commissioner Watts

Motion carries: 3/1

7.b **Resolution 2016-38**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA **AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK AND A & A DRAINAGE & VAC SERVICES, INC., FOR MAINTENANCE OF STORMWATER DRAINS AND SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES;** PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Attorney Hearn read the title and Manager Ragoonan provided the background.

Vice Mayor Ross requests an amendment to the title of the Resolution to name the project as the "Bob Anderson Program" for his dedicated efforts towards these improvements.

Vice Mayor Ross makes a motion to approve Resolution 2016-38 with the amendment to the title and it is seconded by Commissioner Jonas.

All in favor: Mayor Coviello, Vice Mayor Ross, and Commissioner Jonas.

Opposed: Commissioner Watts

Motion carries: 3/1

8 **Ordinances**

*< Second Reading >*

8.a **Ordinance 2016-09**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 166.041, FLORIDA STATUTES, **TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2015-07 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2015, FINALIZING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16, BY AMENDING VARIOUS PARTS OF THE BUDGET** CONSISTENT WITH EXHIBIT "A", ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Attorney Hearn read the title.

Mayor Coviello opened the meeting to public comment and there were none.

Vice Mayor Ross makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-09 at second reading and it is seconded by Commissioner Jonas

Roll call vote:

Commissioner Jonas: Yes

Vice Mayor Ross: Yes

Commissioner Watts: Yes

Mayor Coviello: Yes

Motion carries: 4/0

8.b **Ordinance 2016-10**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA **AMENDING SECTION 14.1 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ENTITLED "COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE" TO ADDRESS OPEN FEEDING THAT CAUSES A GATHERING OF MORE THAN FOUR (4) DOGS OR FOUR (4) CATS OR COMBINATION THEREOF IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 3-21** OF THE VILLAGE CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Attorney Hearn read the title.

Mayor Coviello opened the meeting to public comment and there were none.

Commissioner Jonas makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-10 at second reading and it is seconded by Vice Mayor Ross.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner Wats: Yes

Vice Mayor Ross: Yes

Commissioner Jonas: Yes

Mayor Coviello: Yes

Motion carries: 4/0

**9 Reports**

9.a Village Manager

- Manager Ragoonan provided a recap of the report provided in the agenda which includes the accomplishments to date, upcoming items, Project Financial Report update, Volunteer Hours report, Police Department monthly newsletter, Inside Out Community Participation Request with the Perez Art Miami Museum, and the Miami Dade League of Cities Thanksgiving Turkey Drive.

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*Added discussion item:*

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Commissioner Watts: Should one hold office and vote on Village matters when one does not or may no intend to live in the Village in the foreseeable future?

Mayor Coviello: Understands that this discussion is directed at him. A personal matter wishes not to discuss. Affirms his dedication and service to the Village as long as he is a resident.

**10 Announcements**

Wednesday, November 16th - Parks & Parkway Advisory Board at 7:00pm  
Monday, November 21st - Planning & Zoning Board at 6:30pm  
Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th - All Village Departments are closed for Thanksgiving  
Monday, December 5th - Planning & Zoning Board at 6:30pm

Our next regular Commission meeting is Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at 7:00pm, followed by a Commissioner Orientation Workshop at 8:00pm

**7 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

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Commission approved on December 6, 2016.

Attest:



David Coviello, Mayor



Maria Camara, Village Clerk