



MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
Log Cabin - 640 NE 114th Street
Biscayne Park, FL 33161
Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 6:30pm

1 Call to Order

Mayor David Coviello called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

2 Roll Call

Mayor David Coviello - present
Vice Mayor Roxanna Ross - present
Commissioner Bob Anderson - present
Commissioner Fred Jonas - present
Commissioner Barbara Watts - present

Present from staff were:

Interim Village Manager Maria C. Camara
Attorney Andrew Dunkiel
Finance Manager Claude Charles
Police Chief Cornelius McKenna

3 Pledge of Allegiance

4 Presentations

4.a Gene Schriener of Craig A. Smith & Associates provided a brief recap on the status of the Stormwater Master Plan. Will be ready to provide a presentation to the Village Commission and residents at the September 13th meeting.

4.b Introduction of Kenneth Rivera, Municipal Marketing and Governmental Affairs Representative for Waste Pro, and Route Supervisor William "Billy" Pfenninger.

Commission discussed service issues with Waste Pro, required reporting requirements based on agreement, and recycle rebates as provided by the agreement. Mr. Rivera to research and provide reports and answers.

Mayor Coviello directed the Attorney to review the Waste Pro contract and provide what the Village's rights are regarding liquidated damages if service does not approve.

4.c Village Manager Selection

The Mayor and each Commissioner provided their comments on the three finalists.

Mayor Coviello opened the meeting for public comments on the selection:

Chester Morris: As a point of information, have worked with someone who commuted from West Palm Beach. Never had a problem. Commuting distance should not be an issue.

Milton Hunter: Have had similar feelings when meeting each one. Did not read resumes. Based on gut feeling, Sharon wants us specifically. Don't get that from Mark. Concerned about distance. Also, who would best communicate with the residents. Feel Sharon is the better choice.

Dan Samaria: If distance was a concern, that candidate should never have been a finalist. Concerned why Sharon wants this so much. Feels Mark is better. Want someone for the long run and fully committed.

Chuck Ross: Both Mark and Sharon are good. Local connections important. At end of Crime Watch meeting, Sharon brought up great points. Prefer Sharon. Energetic, and eager.

Gary Kuhl: Distance not a big consideration. Need a person who will hit the ground running. Local connection is important. Sharon has been here day and night interacting. Extraordinary interest and knowledgeable. Code compliance and community outreach a big issue. People will love Sharon.

Janey Anderson: Cannot predict how long will stay. Who came the most prepared. Who is most likely to want to make a difference.

Linda Dillon: An extremely difficult process. Two excellent candidates. Both almost equal. My preference is Sharon. Has gone out of her way.

The Mayor and each Commissioner made their selection on a ballot. The results:

Mayor Coviello selects Sharon Ragoonan
Vice Mayor Ross selects Sharon Ragoonan
Commissioner Anderson selects Sharon Ragoonan
Commissioner Jonas selects Sharon Ragoonan
Commissioner Watts selects Mark Kutney

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson to select Sharon Ragoonan as the Village Manager and it is seconded by Commissioner Watts.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carries 5/0.

5 Additions, Deletions or Withdrawals to the Agenda

Mayor Coviello adds an update on the Annexation application.

Vice Mayor Ross adds a discussion of the Village Manager contract.

6 Public Comments

Gary Kuhl: Pathetic the issues with Waste Pro. Too many excuses. They are on the road more days and so many are confused. Go back to the contract. On large piles, due to tree trimmers. The new schedule has been published as well as our code. If guilty, remove the trash pile and charge the resident.

Barbara Kuhl: On Waste Pro, those I have contacted are extremely nice. Customer Service is good. Problem is with the collection service. My problem is with the side yard garbage collection. Too many excuses. Never had a problem before.

Allan Moreno: Very disappointed with Waste Pro. They said Monday pick up was best day as most do landscaping on Sunday. But they did not speak to me. Disappointed that million dollar company has provided disastrous service since July 4th. They do not have a set route. We need to know this. If we get fined, they should also and be held responsible. Their problem should not be our problem.

Chester Morris: Never had a problem with Public Works. Had great employees. Told you that you were going to have a problem. Waste Pro is not doing their job. Have called them numerous times. Taking corners and destroying yards. You are stuck with them unless you want to buy trucks and rehire staff. On annexation, was never for it. Who would want to pay 9.7 over 1.9. It is over, now figure out how to pay. Don't spend money you don't have.

Chuck Ross: On Public Works, if it stayed would have had to retrofit entire department. Thanks the Commission for allowing public input on selection. Keep millage at 9.70 until you go through the workshops. Agree that oversize should be picked up the same day.

Mac Kennedy: Agree with picking up trash same day and charging the resident. We are responsible as residents, and this applies to code compliance. When people break the rules, fine them.

Henry Patel - candidate for Florida State Representative, District 108.

7 Resolutions

7.a Resolution 2016-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA; **ESTABLISHING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 9.5000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17**, ESTABLISHING THE CURRENT YEAR ROLLED-BACK RATE TO BE 8.7863 AND ESTABLISHING THE FIRST AND THE SECOND PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; DIRECTING THE VILLAGE CLERK AND FINANCE MANAGER TO FILE SAID RESOLUTION WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA STATUTES AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE TIME AND LOCATION OF THE FIRST AND SECOND PUBLIC HEARINGS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Attorney Dunkiel read the title.

Interim Manager Camara provided the background.

After discussion, motion made by Commissioner Anderson to set the tentative millage rate at 9.70 and it is seconded by Commissioner Watts.

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

Opposed: Commissioner Jonas

Motion carries: 4/1

8 Old Business

8.a Annexation application update: Mayor Coviello provided a recap of the County Commission meeting and that the Board of County Commissioners did not approve the application. Looks to those that did not agree with annexation to help in coming up with solutions to increase and diversify our revenue base.

8.b Village Manager Contract: The Commission discussed and provided direction for the Attorney to draft the agreement and to reach out for negotiation:

- Sick and vacation earned and accruals will be the same as the Employee Policies Handbook for general employees.
- Salary is \$80,000 (Vice Mayor Ross did not agree.)
- Carl allowance remains at \$400/mo. (Commissioner Watts did not agree.)
- Phone allowance at \$40/mo.
- Health benefits, same as general employees, with \$10 contribution per pay period.
- Add standard provision when there is an election in the first year of employment.
- Probationary period is six months.
- Merit raise will be based on evaluation at end of fiscal year.
- Tentative start date is September 1, 2016.

Agreement to be drafted and brought back to the Commission for approval at the August 2nd meeting.

9 Request for placement of items on next meeting agenda

Commissioner Watts:

- Proclamation in memory of Mayor Daisy Black
- Discussion on resolution on plastic bags.
- Discussion on Village's response to FPL's request to increase their base rate.
- Proactive response from Miami Dade County police dispatch.
- Discussion on noise issues.

8 Announcements

Sunday, July 24th - Bark of July/Dogs in the Park Day from 4:00-6:00pm

Monday, August 1st - Planning & Zoning Board at 6:30pm

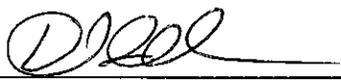
The next regular Commission Meeting is Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 7:00pm.

9 Adjournment

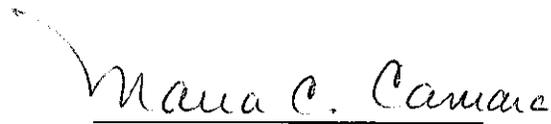
The meeting was adjourned at 9:44.

Commission approved on August 2, 2016.

Attest:



David Coviello, Mayor



Maria Camara, Village Clerk