

**Summary Minutes of the:**  
**ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS**  
**\*VIRTUAL\* REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**

Islamorada, FL  
Thursday, September 17, 2020  
5:30 PM

**MEETING OCCURED VIA COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY (CMT)**

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-69 and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) social distancing guidelines established to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the September 17, 2020 Regular Village Council Meeting was conducted utilizing Communication Media Technology (CMT) via a Zoom video conferencing application. Additional information regarding options for viewing the meeting and participation through public comment was provided in the agenda.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor Mike Forster called the virtual meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He announced that Vice Mayor Ken Davis had passed away due to a medical issue. He extended his condolences to the family and requested a moment of silence for Ken.

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Village Clerk Kelly Toth called the roll and the following Councilmembers, appearing virtually, responded on roll call: Mayor Mike Forster, Councilwoman Deb Gillis, Councilman Jim Mooney, and Councilman Chris Sante. Also, appearing virtually were Acting Village Manager & Finance Director Maria Bassett, Village Attorney Roget Bryan, Village Clerk Kelly Toth and other relevant personnel.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Monroe County Sheriff's Office Captain Corey Bryan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Virtual Meeting Procedures- Village Attorney**

Village Attorney Roget Bryan provided the virtual meeting procedures.

**Proclamation: Constitution Week- Mayor Forster**

Mayor Forster read a proclamation proclaiming September 17-September 23, 2020 as Constitution Week.

**TAB 1:** Presentation of the FY 18-19 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by Mauldin & Jenkins

Daniel Anderson, CPA with Mauldin & Jenkins, presented the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Financial & Compliance Audit Results. He stated that the firm had issued an unmodified audit report which was the highest form of assurance they could render; that the financial statements were considered to present fairly the financial position and results of operations as of fiscal year ending September 30, 2019; and identified and explained various reports and findings within the audit report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Mike Forster opened general public comment.

Larry Barry extended his condolences to the Davis family; thanked the Council for approving the rolled-back rate; and commented regarding budgeted lobbyists expenditures.

Robert Moser suggested monthly updates on the Fills masterplan; and suggested commemorating Vice Mayor Davis' efforts with a plaque at the Fills.

Mayor Forster closed public comment.

#### **AGENDA: Requests for Deletion / Emergency Additions**

Mayor Mike Forster added a discussion to Mayor / Council Communication regarding selecting a Vice Mayor.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**TAB 2:** Minutes from the July 29, 2020 Virtual Village Council Budget Workshop No. 1, July 30, 2020 Virtual Village Council Budget Workshop No. 2, July 30, 2020 Virtual Regular Village Council Meeting and the August 12, 2020 Virtual Special Call Village Council Meeting

**TAB 3:** Approval of Fourth Amendment to Professional State Lobbying Services Agreement with GrayRobinson, P.A.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL STATE LOBBYING SERVICES BETWEEN GRAYROBINSON, P.A. AND ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS; AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**TAB 4:** Resolution Approving Eleventh Amendment to Agreement for Professional State Lobbying Consulting Services

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE ELEVENTH AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL STATE LOBBYING CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, AND PEEBLES, SMITH & MATTHEWS, INC. AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ELEVENTH AMENDMENT; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE ELEVENTH AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Councilman Jim Mooney made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Deb Gillis seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

#### **QUASI-JUDICIAL**

Village Attorney Roget Bryan explained the quasi-judicial procedures. Village Clerk Kelly Toth swore in the witnesses.

**TAB 5:** Application for Alcohol Beverage Use Permit (PLABP20200143) Saltwater Outfitters, Inc.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, CONSIDERING THE REQUEST BY SHAWN TOLLEY WITH SALTWATER OUTFITTERS, INC. ON BEHALF OF MM81.9 LLC FOR A 2APS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE USE PERMIT TO ALLOW BEER AND WINE PACKAGE SALES ON-PREMISES FOR SALTWATER OUTFITTERS, INC. ON THE**

**PROPERTY LOCATED AT 81915 OVERSEAS HIGHWAY ON UPPER MATECUMBE KEY, WITHIN THE VILLAGE CENTER (VC) ZONING DISTRICT AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED BELOW; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

This item was heard at 5:55 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution and asked the Council to disclose ex parte communications. Each councilmember stated that they did not have ex parte communications. Senior Planner Craig Southern presented the staff report recommending approval.

Councilman Jim Mooney expressed concern regarding product delivery by large trucks; and limited parking associated with future applications. Senior Planner Craig Southern pointed out the large parking lot located to the side of the building and the access from the Old Highway. Mayor Forster expressed agreement with Councilman Mooney regarding future applications.

Applicant Gardo Gomez stated all the deliveries accessed the property from the Old Highway.

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment; no comment was offered

Councilman Jim Mooney made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Deb Gillis seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**TAB 6:** Resolution Approving the Final Rankings and Recommendation of the RFP 20-06 Evaluation Committee for Hurricane Irma Recovery- Canal Restoration Sediment Removal Services

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FINAL RANKINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RFP 20-06 EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR HURRICANE IRMA RECOVERY - CANAL RESTORATION SEDIMENT REMOVAL SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER AND VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE REQUESTED SERVICES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

This item was heard at 6:04 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Environmental Resources Manager Pete Frezza presented the staff report noting ATL Diversified Inc. was the highest-ranking firm with a cost of \$679,837.91 and recommended approval.

Mayor Forster asked Acting Village Manager/ Finance Director Maria Bassett how she felt about cost recovery for the project. Ms. Bassett stated that a significant amount of Stewardship Act funds remained. Mr. Frezza noted that \$1.5 million remained. The Mayor asked if the monies were earmarked for other projects. Ms. Bassett stated that they were not.

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment.

Robert Moser expressed his gratitude to Council for approving the resolution.

Mayor Forster closed public comment.

Councilman Chris Sante made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Deb Gillis seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

**TAB 7:** Resolution Approving Recommendation of the RFP 20-09 Evaluation Committee for Selection and Agreement for Medical Director Services

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA APPROVING THE FINAL RANKINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RFP 20-09 EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES; AUTHORIZING VILLAGE MANAGER AND VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE REQUESTED SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

This item was heard at 6:11 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Fire Chief Terry Abel presented the staff report recommending approval noting Professional Emergency Services, Inc. (Dr. Schwemmer) was the highest-ranking firm with a yearly cost of \$54,600 and recommended approval.

Mayor Forster opened public comment; no comment was offered.

Councilwoman Deb Gillis made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Deb Gillis seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

**TAB 8:** Resolution Approving Work Authorization No. 1 between Islamorada, Village of Islands and CPH Inc. for Green Turtle Hammock Conceptual Design

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, APPROVING WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 1 WITH CPH INC. FOR GREEN TURTLE HAMMOCK PRESERVE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN; AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE PROJECT AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

This item was heard at 6:13 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Environmental Resources Manager Pete Frezza presented the staff report recommending approval.

Mayor Forster opened public comment; no comment was offered.

Councilwoman Deb Gillis made a motion to approve. Councilman Chris Sante seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

**TAB 9:** Resolution Approving the Residential Building Permit Allocation System Ranking and Awards for Quarter 3 of 2020 for Affordable Housing

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, APPROVING RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT ALLOCATION SYSTEM RANKINGS AND AWARDING AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT ALLOCATIONS FOR QUARTER 3 OF 2020; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

This item was heard at 6:17 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Planner Megan Rumbaugh presented the staff report recommending approval.

Mayor Forster opened public comment; no comment was offered.

Councilman Jim Mooney made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Deb Gillis seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

**TAB 10:** Resolution Approving the Residential Building Permit Allocation System Ranking and Awards for Quarter 3 of 2020 (Market Rate)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, APPROVING RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT ALLOCATION SYSTEM RANKINGS AND AWARDING RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT ALLOCATIONS FOR QUARTER 3 OF 2020; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

This item was heard at 6:18 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Planner Megan Rumbaugh presented the staff report recommending approval.

Mayor Forster opened public comment; no comment was offered.

Councilwoman Deb Gillis made a motion to approve. Councilman Chris Sante seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

**TAB 11:** Resolution Approving the Nonresidential Building Permit Allocation System Rankings and Awards for Quarter 3 of 2020

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, APPROVING NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT ALLOCATION SYSTEM RANKINGS AND AWARDING NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT ALLOCATIONS FOR QUARTER 3 OF 2020; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

This item was heard at 6:20 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Planner Megan Rumbaugh presented the staff report recommending approval. She noted that pursuant to section 1-2.1.8(6) of the Comprehensive Plan hotels and motels were exempt from the 10,000 square-foot limitation.

Mayor Forster opened public comment; no comment was offered.

Councilwoman Deb Gillis made a motion to approve. Mayor Mike Forster seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

**TAB 12:** Resolution Considering a Reduction of Lien in the Code Compliance Case of Ana Maria Aedo Revocable Trust, Case No. CEBDGC20190000136

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA CONSIDERING A REDUCTION OF LIEN IN CODE COMPLIANCE CASE NO. CEBDGC20190000136; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY AND EXPEDIENT ACTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

This item was heard at 6:22 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution and presented the staff report noting the fines were related to activities that were disruptive to sea turtles; total fines had accrued for the period of noncompliance in the amount of \$19,000; and that the Code Hearing Officer had reduced the fines, for having come into compliance, to \$4,750.00 plus the administrative fee of \$125.00.

Councilman Chris Sante asked who the contractor was that performed the work. The Planning Director responded that he did not know who the contractor was.

Thomas Skidmore, agent for the applicant, stated the contractor was Shadday Stamp Concrete. He noted the applicant had 14 days from notification to resolve the application; that there were huge issues with the application that needed to be resolved requiring more time; that his client was blindsided by the fee; noted uncontrollable delays that were out of their hands; that they made the corrections requested by staff, none of which changed the plans or revised the permit; that Code Compliance Officer Everett Coll had failed to note the file regarding uncontrollable delays and progress; they felt they were misinformed and requested a further reduction to the fines.

Mayor Forster asked Mr. Skidmore about the permit. Mr. Skidmore stated the permit was to replace the gravel with pavers for a 6x12 area, which was incorrectly noted on the permit as the tile of size not the area. The Village Attorney stated for clarification, it was both the area, location and size of the pavers; and that the Notice of Violation was documented on May 31, 2019 and did not go to hearing until August 2019. Mayor Forster asked if the contractor was a licensed contractor in Islamorada. Mr. Skidmore did not know if the contractor was licensed. Councilman Sante, with agreement from Councilwoman Gillis, opined that the contractor should also be held accountable. Mayor Forster provided a hypothetical situation where he would have been compelled to reduce the fine but noted the responses given by Mr. Skidmore did not give him cause for a reduction.

Mayor Forster opened public comment; no comment was offered.

Mayor Mike Forster made a motion for no further reduction to the fine. Councilwoman Deb Gillis seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

**TAB 13:** Resolution Considering a Reduction of Lien in the Code Compliance Case of Onelio Ramirez Sr. Revocable Trust, Case No. CEBDGC20180000437

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA  
CONSIDERING A REDUCTION OF LIEN IN CODE COMPLIANCE CASE NO. CEP20180000437;  
AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY AND EXPEDIENT ACTION;  
AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

This item was heard at 6:38 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution and presented the staff report explaining that the fines were for noxious, uncultivated or non-native weeds; that an Order was entered by the Code Compliance Officer on August 27, 2019; fines began accruing on September 11, 2019; the property came into compliance on February 5, 2020 with accrued fines totaling \$14,700.00 for a total of 147 days; and the Code Hearing Officer reduced the fines to \$3,675.00 plus an administrative fee of \$125.00. Planning Director Ty Harris stated that after looking at the file photos he would not have cited the property, as he had seen much worse. Mr. Harris explained that the property owner was placed in a nursing home during the period of the violation and was not receiving his mail. His son discovered the violation and fixed it pretty quickly once it was discovered. He noted the Code Hearing Officer reduced the fine as much as was allowed and stated staff would support a further reduction.

Councilwoman Deb Gillis commented regarding the photos noting that she had seen much worse; and asked if there was documentation the owner was in a facility as she would be inclined to reduce

the fines further. Councilman Sante stated there appeared to be a "For Sale" sign in the front yard at one time; it appeared someone had sprayed the weeds; and that he too would be inclined to reduce the fines given the owner was in a nursing home facility. The Village Attorney stated the first inspection was in November 2018; and that courtesy notices were issued prior to hearing. Councilman Jim Mooney opined that there was a boat in the front yard and that owners usually kept a property clean if it were for sale; and stated he would support some reduction but not a complete reduction.

Doris Zuigiaga, daughter of the property owner, stated the property was never for sale. She stated her parents purchased the property in 1992 and visited it frequently until her mother passed; noted that her father had had multiple health issues and that his last injury required him to go into rehabilitative care then into an assisted living facility. She stated while the medical issues were occurring, they periodically checked his mail until her brother had the mail forwarded to them. Mayor Forster stated that it appeared in the photos that the sign could be for the property next door.

Onelio Ramirez, son of the property owner, stated that as soon as he found out about the violation, he hired a service to go twice a month to treat the weeds.

Councilman Sante stated he would support a reduction, but that the owner's children should have know the property needed to be maintained.

Mayor Forster opened public comment; no comment was offered.

Council discussion ensued regarding a reduction and agreed on a reduction to \$1,000.00 plus the \$125.00 administrative fee.

Councilwoman Deb Gillis made a motion to reduce the fine to \$1,000.00 plus the \$125.00 administrative fee. Councilman Chris Sante seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

**TAB 14:** Resolution Approving First Amendment to Ground Lease Agreement between Islamorada, Village of Islands, as Lessor, and Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys, Inc., as Lessee

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE UPPER KEYS, INC. FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

This item was heard at 6:50 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Acting Village Manager / Finance Director Maria Bassett presented the staff report. She provided historical information about the project and the Village's involvement; noted the wastewater system development charge for the 16 units was \$102,272.00; that Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys did not have the funds to pay the amount in full and had suggested the occupants be responsible for paying the charge through their FKAA water bill. Ms. Bassett noted an error on the second page of the amendment in the fourth paragraph stating the number of remaining months was not 199

but should reflect 119. She reported that there was a wastewater assessment on the original commercial building that was torn down and that Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys was not being asked to pay that assessment balance of \$14,500.00 noting the Village had used affordable housing funds to pay the balance to the wastewater fund so that the assessment could be removed from the tax bill. She explained that as the Village received monthly payments from the occupants those monies would pay back the Affordable Housing Fund in the amount of \$14,500.00. Ms. Bassett explained that occupants would pay HOA dues and that stormwater assessments would be paid by Habitat using HOA dues.

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment.

Lindsay Fast, on behalf of Habitat for Humanity, thanked the Council for their consideration.

Mayor Forster closed public comment.

Mayor Forster thanked staff for their efforts to make it more affordable for the inhabitants.

Councilman Jim Mooney made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Deb Gillis seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

**TAB 15:** Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement between Islamorada, Village of Islands and Monroe County Board of County Commissioners for CARES Act Funding

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, AND MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CARES ACT FUNDING; AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

This item was heard at 7:00 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Acting Village Manager / Finance Director Maria Bassett presented the staff report recommending approval. She noted that at the September 3, 2020 BOCC Meeting the BOCC approved a \$40,900.00 allocation for Islamorada, Village of Islands for reimbursement of costs associated with the coronavirus pandemic response and recovery.

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment; no comment was offered.

Councilwoman Deb Gillis made a motion to approve. Councilman Jim Mooney seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

**TAB 16:** Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement between Islamorada, Village of Islands and Monroe County Board of County Commissioners for Local Option Gas Tax Sharing

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA APPROVING AMENDMENT ONE TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MONROE COUNTY AND ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, TO PROVIDE LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX SHARING; AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

## **OF AMENDMENT ONE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT ONE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

This item was heard at 7:04 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Acting Village Manager / Finance Director Maria Bassett presented the staff report recommending approval noting a periodic review every two years of the distribution amounts.

Mayor Forster opened public comment; no comment was offered.

Councilman Jim Mooney made a motion to approve. Councilman Chris Sante seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

**TAB 17:** Resolution Approving Renewal of Property, Casualty and Workers' Compensation Insurance Policies through Public Risk Management of Florida Effective October 1, 2020

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA APPROVING RENEWAL OF PROPERTY, CASUALTY AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION POLICIES AND INSURANCE COVERAGE FROM WORLD RISK MANAGEMENT THROUGH PUBLIC RISK MANAGEMENT OF FLORIDA EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE ASSOCIATED RENEWAL PREMIUM TO PRM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021; AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

This item was heard at 7:08 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Acting Village Manager / Finance Director Maria Bassett presented the staff report recommending approval noting the increase in cost was due to property acquisition and workers compensation and the approximate annual cost of \$684,000.00.

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment; no comment was offered.

Councilwoman Deb Gillis made a motion to approve. Councilman Jim Mooney seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

## **MAYOR / COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

This item was heard at 7:12 p.m. Mayor Mike Forster suggested selecting a Vice Mayor. Councilman Jim Mooney nominated Deb Gillis for Vice Mayor. Councilman Chris Sante seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

## **VILLAGE ATTORNEY / VILLAGE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

**TAB 18:** Discussion Regarding Financial Contribution for Litigation Costs Associated with DOAH Case 20-2967 & 2968 FKAA & Monroe County vs. FPL & FDEP

This item was heard at 7:13 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan stated Monroe County had requested the Village assist with litigation costs pertaining to the petition involving the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority (FKAA) & Monroe County's challenge regarding the Florida Power and Light (FPL) station at Turkey Point. He stated the lawsuit was trying to obtain greater protections for the Aqueduct's well fields that supply potable drinking water throughout the Florida Keys. Councilmembers expressed agreement.

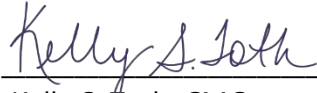
Vice Mayor Deb Gillis made a motion to approve a \$15,000.00 contribution for costs. Councilman Chris Sante seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-0.

Vice Mayor Deb Gillis announced the date and time of the Final Budget Hearing.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Chris Sante made a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor Deb Gillis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Approved by the Village Council October 8, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kelly S. Toth", is written over a horizontal line.

Kelly S. Toth, CMC  
Village Clerk