SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

Founders Park Community Center
87000 Overseas Highway
Islamorada, FL 33036
Thursday, July 22, 2021
5:30 PM

The Regular Village Council Meeting was open to in-person attendance and also utilized the Zoom video conferencing application for public participation.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Pinder called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Village Clerk Kelly Toth called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present on roll call: Mayor Buddy Pinder, Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler, Councilman Mark Gregg, Councilman David Webb and Councilman Henry Rosenthal. Also, present were Village Manager Greg Oravec, Village Clerk Kelly Toth, Village Attorney Roget Bryan and other pertinent staff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Ed Davidson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Buddy Pinder provided the prayer.

REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of IEMO Certificates to Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler and Councilman Mark Gregg

Village Manager Greg Oravec presented Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler and Councilman Mark Gregg with certificates awarded by the Florida League of Cities for completion of their training in the Institute of Elected Municipal Officials program.

Presentation Regarding Lobster Mini Season Campaign- Andy Newman, Media Relations Director for the Tourist Development Council

This item was heard at 5:36 p.m. Andy Newman, Monroe County Tourist Development Council (TDC) Media Relations Director, appeared virtually and presented information about the TDC lobster season public awareness campaign. He reported a webpage had been dedicated to the topic and could be found at www.keyslobsterseason.com . The webpage provided safety tips, local regulations vs. regulations in other areas of Florida, a Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) video addressing the lobster sport season, a video on boating and diving etiquette, website links to the FWC, United States Coast Guard, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and a boating safety course.

He reported about the new brochure that was created to address the lobster season; 12,500 brochures were printed along with a pdf digital version for distribution; they were encouraging lodging providers to email the pdf to their guests prior to arrival; that they had distributed the pdf brochure to municipalities and Monroe County to distribute to licensed vacation rental property owners/management companies; distributed the brochure and pdf version to chambers of commerce, visitor centers and lodging associations; the FWC agreed to email the pdf to 50,000 lobster license holders; the brochure was made available at the lobster information booth at Divers Direct in Key Largo; and the FKNMS staff was distributing brochures to marinas and boat ramps.

Mr. Newman reported a TDC produced lobster season video was provided to KEYTV, Channel 5, TV88 Marathon, County TV, hotel in-room TV and municipalities. Additional advertising methods included radio public service announcements in English and Spanish, digital banners with utilization of geo-fencing methods, digital billboards, press releases, video news releases to Miami TV stations, dynamic messaging signs, and a heavy social medial campaign.

Mayor Pinder opened public comment.

Van Cadenhead compared lobster mini season to raping of the reef and noted the negative impacts of the event. He suggested the commercial lobster season should begin before the lobster mini season to allow commercial lobsterman the opportunity to pull their traps at least once.

Ed Davidson commented about the changes to the length of the mini season; the positive economic impacts the event had on the related industry and local economy; and that scientifically it was a bad idea to harvest undersized lobster noting the reproductive abilities related to the lobster’s size.

Angel Borden commented about the decline in the number of local commercial fishermen; noted the ramp closures, diving fatalities, citations issued, and suggested visitors spent a limited amount of money during the mini season in part due to their primary goal of catching lobsters. She opined that some visitors caught as many lobster as possible and sold them in Miami, which had a direct impact on the commercial lobster fishermen.

John Timura commented that the local commercial lobster fishermen did not mix well with the lobster tourist and having the two seasons overlap would be problematic which was the reason the mini season was created; noted the least expensive hotel room he could find in Key West for the mini season was $450; and opined that Islamorada residents were tired of the lobster mini season, and that it was a burden on our resources; and noted the poor condition of the coral reefs. He stated former Vice Mayor Ken Davis had suggested a limit of three or four lobster a day as opposed to six and that he and Vice Mayor Davis had communicated the idea to the FWC.

Councilman David Webb commented that the Village did not have authority to make determinations regarding the lobster mini season regulations, that the State Representatives worked with the FWC on this matter; noted the FWC was chronically underfunded by the State government and was often understaffed; noted that most of the illegal activity was not because people did not know the rules; noted the habitual offenders; and stated that without a heft penalty the rules did not mean anything.

Mayor Pinder closed public comment.

TAB 1: Presentation of the FY 19-20 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) by Mauldin & Jenkins

This item was heard at 6:01 p.m. Daniel Anderson with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC appeared virtually and presented the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 audit results. He provided background information about the company; stated that in the Mauldin & Jenkins auditor's report they had issued an unmodified opinion which the highest form of assurance they could render; that there were no instances on non-compliance found as indicated in the Yellow Book compliance report; no issues were noted in the Single Audit compliance report which pertained to certain federal and state grant programs; that there were no issues noted in the Management Letter report which was a requirement of the Auditor General; and that there were no issues noted in the Independent Accountants' report which examined compliance pertaining to the investment of public funds.

Mr. Anderson reported that audit adjustments were made throughout the course of the audit; that there were no uncorrected misstatements; noted the effects of Hurricane Irma on the General Fund at the end of the 2018 fiscal year and the restoration of the General Fund through hurricane related reimbursements at the end of fiscal year 2020; noted that the Wastewater Enterprise Fund had a pretty positive cash flow for its wastewater operations; and reported the General Fund ending fund balance for fiscal year 2019-2020 was approximately $7.6 million.

Mayor Buddy Pinder opened public comment; no comment was offered.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Buddy Pinder opened general public comment.

John Fernandez stated he was a Cuban American resident. He read a resolution in support of the people of Cuba urging the federal government to immediately make the technology of the United States available to the citizens of Cubans and to place sanctions on any financial transactions in the U.S. by Cuban political leaders and their surrogates. He commented about the people suffering in Cuba and noted Monroe County had recently adopted a resolution pertaining to Cuba. Mayor Buddy Pinder, with support from Council, asked the Village Attorney to prepare a resolution for the next Regular Village Council meeting.

Denise Downing provided background information about the non-profit organization Just Older Youth, Inc. (JOY), also known as the JOY Center; that they had asked Monroe County Commissioner David Rice and Assistant County Administrator Kevin Wilson to repurpose the old Plantation Key Courthouse into a community center; and that they had transmitted a proposal to Mr. Wilson addressing what was needed and how the space would be used. She stated she would send the proposal to Council for review and requested a resolution of support.

Van Cadenhead expressed his support for the purchase of the Walgreen's property. He commented about the need for the FDOT to plan a road repaving project for Plantation Key and commented about the future replacement of the Snake Creek draw bridge with a fixed bridge.

Mayor Buddy Pinder closed public comment.

AGENDA: Requests for Deletion / Emergency Additions

Councilman Henry Rosenthal added a discussion item pertaining to building permits.

Councilman David Webb asked for an update from Monroe County Department of Health Director Bob Eadie at the next Council meeting regarding vaccinations in Monroe County and throughout Florida.

Councilman Webb requested the mayor arrange, at a minimum, to have State Representative Jim Mooney and Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez address the Council and public as soon as possible regarding the proposed FDOT expansion of the turnpike in Florida City. The mayor stated the Village Manager would contact Representative Mooney and Senator Rodriguez to make the arrangements.

Finance Director Maria Bassett added a discussion item regarding a TDC grant agreement that needed to be signed before the next meeting that would provide funding for the dog park improvements.

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES

Achievable Housing Citizens' Advisory Committee Update

This item was heard at 6:27 p.m. Achievable Housing Committee Vice Chair Rebekah Susa reported the committee had voted in favor of raising the annual vacation rental license fees from $1,000 to $2,500 plus an additional $500 for each bedroom in excess of two bedrooms. The committee's stance was that it would not adversely impact the Village's vacation rental ordinance because the fees were adopted by resolution and asked that the item be placed on a future Village Council agenda. Ms. Susa stated the committee voted in favor of meeting when a quorum was not established as long as the meeting was publicly advertised; that they understood they could not vote absent a quorum; the committee voted in favor of meeting monthly; and asked the Council to allow them to meet when they did not have a quorum. She reported Village consultant Rebecca Jetton was working on an ordinance amendment to better define affordable housing income levels, and stronger enforcement measures for non-compliance. Ms. Susa reported the committee discussed three options to incentivize construction of affordable housing (1) provide monetary reimbursement, (2) significantly reduce building fees, and (3) create a hybrid of options one and two. She stated that at the next meeting the committee would review the submittals for RFQ 21-08, which was for affordable housing development services.

Councilman Mark Gregg, with support from Council, asked to have the vacation rental review discussion placed on the next Village Council agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

TAB 2: Minutes of the June 10, 2021 Regular Village Council Meeting and the July 1, 2021 Regular Village Council Meeting

TAB 3: Resolution Accepting the Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE AUDIT AND COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PRIOR

FISCAL YEAR FY 19-20 ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Pinder opened public comment; no comment was offered.

This item was heard at 6:41 p.m. Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman David Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

QUASI-JUDICIAL

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the quasi-judicial statement. Village Clerk Kelly Toth swore in the witnesses. Mr. Bryan noted that tabs four and five were related as were tabs six and seven and requested reading the titles of the related tabs at the same time followed by discussion. He stated each tab had to be voted on separately. Council expressed agreement with Mr. Bryan's request.

TAB 4: First Reading: Ordinance Requesting a Future Land Use Amendment by Petition of Michael Murphy for Property Located at the East Corner of the Intersection of Overseas Highway and Coral Road on Plantation Key with RE#'s: 00415850-000000 and 00415860-000000. (File No.: PLMA20200118)

AN ORDINANCE OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, CONSIDERING THE REQUEST OF MICHAEL MURPHY, TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION (RC) TO MIXED USE (MU) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE EAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF OVERSEAS HIGHWAY AND CORAL AVENUE, AT APPROXIMATELY MILE MARKER 88.7, WITH REAL ESTATE NUMBERS 00415850-000000 AND 00415860-000000, AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSMITTAL OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON THE APPROVAL OF THIS ORDINANCE BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

This item was heard at 6:44 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the titles of the ordinances for tabs four and five and asked Council to disclose ex parte communications. Councilman David Webb stated he did not have ex parte communications. Councilman Mark Gregg stated he conducted a site visit but did not have ex parte communications. Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler stated he spoke with the applicant Mike Murphy, Rebecca Jetton about zoning categories, staff member Daniel Parobok about the open space ratio and staff member Peter Frezza about the quality of the hammock. Councilman Henry Rosenthal stated he had spoken with Sue Miller, Chuck Tittle and Angel Borden and conducted a site visit. Mayor Buddy Pinder stated he spoke with Mike Murphy, staff members and Angel Borden.

Councilman Mark Gregg requested the item be tabled due to alleged irregularities in the notices posted on the property, errors and omissions in the staff report due to changes in staffing, and the late receipt of the vegetation surveys. He noted after speaking with staff that there may be an opportunity to work with a third party on a solution that would avoid a potential conflict. Discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding requirements for submitting documents for quasi-judicial hearings, the irregularities in the property posting, the need for a factually and technically correct staff report and the need for more time to review the vegetation survey. Mayor Pinder permitted Islamorada Community Alliance (ICA) member Cheryl Meads to address the Council. She expressed concern regarding having spent funds to prepare for the meeting noting that they had hired an attorney and a court reporter was attending virtually. Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler explained the need for proper noticing and the potential negative legal impacts if the item was not delayed. Various councilmembers commented that they had not had an opportunity to either fully review the letter sent by Susan Raffanello or to speak with the Village Attorney regarding the letter which addressed proper noticing. Mayor Buddy Pinder asked for opinions from the Village Manager and Village Attorney regarding tabling the item. Village Manager Greg Oravec noted the errors in the posting notice and staff report and recommended delaying the item to allow time for those items to be corrected; and that in his opinion that was what was best for the governing body and fully within their rights to do so. Mayor Pinder asked for the will of the Council. Councilman David Webb expressed support for tabling the item. Councilman Henry Rosenthal commented about the importance of irregularities and the late submittal of documents and questioned what weight those issues carried in the matter; and noted he would go along with the Council. Village Attorney Roget Bryan stated he did not disagree with the Village Manager's comments; clarified that there was a provision in the code pertaining to documentary evidence being submitted two days prior to the hearing; noted a difference between documentary evidence and a written communication and that he was not sure how the document would be classified as the hearing had not yet begun; noted that the item could not have been pulled from the agenda in advance of the meeting because it had been publicly noticed and advertised; and a continuance of the hearing could not be requested by the applicant and would have to be done by the Council via a motion. Mayor Buddy Pinder expressed his support for tabling the item.

Councilman Mark Gregg made a motion to table tabs four and five. Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 5-0.

TAB 5: First Reading: Ordinance Requesting an Official Zoning Map Amendment by Petition of Michael Murphy for Property Located at the East Corner of the Intersection of Overseas Highway and Coral Road on Plantation Key with RE#'s: 00415850-000000 and 00415860-000000. (File No.: PLMA20200118)

AN ORDINANCE OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, CONSIDERING THE REQUEST OF MICHAEL MURPHY, TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM NATIVE RESIDENTIAL (NR) ZONING DISTRICT TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (HC) ZONING DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE EAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF OVERSEAS HIGHWAY AND CORAL AVENUE, AT APPROXIMATELY MILE MARKER 88.7, WITH REAL ESTATE NUMBERS 00415850-000000 AND 00415860-000000, AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSMITTAL OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON THE APPROVAL OF THIS ORDINANCE BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

(This item was heard with tab 4 and ultimately tabled.)

At 7:02 Village Manager Greg Oravec requested a short recess; the mayor agreed. The meeting resumed at 7:18 p.m.

TAB 6 : First Reading: Ordinance Requesting a Future Land Use Amendment by Petition of Andreas Hopman for Property Located to the Southeast of 81197 Overseas Highway on Upper Matecumbe Key with RE#00404690-000100 (File No.: PLMA20210097)

AN ORDINANCE OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, CONSIDERING THE REQUEST OF ANDREAS B. HOPMAN TO AMEND THE VILLAGE'S FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (RM) TO MIXED USE (MU) FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, LOCATED ON UPPER MATECUMBE KEY, WITH REAL ESTATE NUMBER 00404690-000200, AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSMITTAL OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON THE APPROVAL OF THIS ORDINANCE BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

This item was heard at 7:48 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan informed the public that the Council had resumed the quasi-judicial hearing; that tab six and tab seven were companion pieces and requested the items be presented and discussed simultaneously. Council expressed agreement.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the ordinances for tab six and tab seven and asked the Council to disclose ex parte communications on both tabs. Councilman David Webb, Councilman Mark Gregg, Councilman Henry Rosenthal and Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler each stated that they did not have ex parte communications. Mayor Buddy Pinder stated that he had spoken with staff member Ty Harris. Acting Planning Director Hank Flores provided the staff report noting the request met the Village's criteria and recommended approval.

Mayor Buddy Pinder invited applicant Andreas Hopman to address the Council. Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler asked Mr. Hopman what he was going to do with the property other than change the zoning. Mr. Hopman explained that in order to install a parking lot the property needed to be zoned commercial which also required he go through the Village's site plan approval process. He stated the foreseeable use of the property was for overflow parking.

Councilman Mark Gregg thanked Mr. Hopman for purchasing the property and the efforts he had made to address the rodent issues. Councilman Gregg asked if Mr. Hopman had communicated with his neighbors at the church to which Mr. Hopman replied there had been no communications; and that he intended to communicate with them if they had expressed any concerns. Councilman Gregg asked if he was going to unify the title. Mr. Hopman replied that he was going to unify the properties.

Mayor Buddy Pinder opened public comment.

Van Cadenhead suggested a permeable parking lot.

Mayor Pinder closed public comment.

Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler made a motion to approve the FLUM amendment. Councilman Henry Rosenthal seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 5-0.

TAB 7: First Reading: Ordinance Requesting an Official Zoning Map Amendment by Petition of Andreas Hopman for Property Located to the Southeast of 81197 Overseas Highway on Upper Matecumbe Key with RE#00404690-000000. (File No.:PLMA20210097)

AN ORDINANCE OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, CONSIDERING THE REQUEST OF ANDREAS B. HOPMAN, TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM SETTLERS RESIDENTIAL (SR) TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (HC) FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, LOCATED ON UPPER MATECUMBE KEY, WITH REAL ESTATE NUMBER00404690-000200, AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSMITTAL OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON THE APPROVAL OF THIS ORDINANCE BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

(This item was heard with tab six.)

Councilman Henry Rosenthal made a motion to approve the Zoning amendment. Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS

TAB 8: Resolution Approving Third Amendment to Agreement between Islamorada, Village of Islands, Florida and Advanced Disposal Services Solid Waste Southeast, Inc.

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA APPROVING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ADVANCED DISPOSAL SERVICES SOLID WASTE SOUTHEAST, INC. AND ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE, YARD WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES (EXCLUDING COMMERCIAL RECYCLING AND ROLL-OFF SERVICES); AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AMENDMENT; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was heard at 8:00 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Village Manager Greg Oravec reported that the Village had a contract with Advanced Disposal that expired in 2023 and that Advanced Disposal requested the following contract modifications:

1. A 7% increase to their commercial rates;
2. A start time of 5 a.m. for commercial collection services; and
3. A change to the calculation of the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA), specifically, use of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Water and Trash Services category rather than the CPI for all items.

Mr. Oravec recommended denial of the resolution as currently presented. He commented that the current contract provided for a 3% increase and that if the Council was inclined to authorize a higher increase, they may want to consider an increase reflective of the actual CPI which was 5.1%. Mr. Oravec referenced the request for an earlier start time did not seem to be congruent with the Village's mission statement and recommended a start time of 6 a.m. which was a compromise. Mr. Oravec explained that inflation was measured by measuring the cost of goods and services when preparing the CPI. He explained that on its face, using the CPI for Water and Trash Services made sense, however, the category was a much smaller collection of data which could be influenced by the specific industry. Mr. Oravec recommended continued use of the broader CPI as it was less subject to influence by the industry. Mr. Oravec stated staff was recommending denial of the resolution as currently presented and was only supporting a change to the existing contract to modify the start time to 6 a.m.

Councilman David Webb asked the Village Manager if the Council denied the resolution would he be negotiating further with Advanced Disposal. Village Manager Greg Oravec stated that if the Council accepted staff's recommendations, staff would provide an amendment to Council with the 6 a.m. start time and everything else would stay the same, noting the existing contract provided for an increase of 3%. Councilman Webb asked if Advanced Disposal had made their case for the requested increase such as increased fuel costs. Mr. Oravec stated that it had not reached that level and that facing challenges in the industry and economy; noted we were seeing inflation; noted Monroe County had just gone through it and received criticism because it was not tied to specific data and analysis; and stated for him, the CPI was the data and analysis. Councilman David Webb confirmed the CPI would justify the 5.1%.

Greg Sullivan, Senior District Manager for Waste Management of the Florida Keys, commented about their labor issues; noted the 5.1% increase would be a great help; that a two-yard dumpster in 2020 was $340 and last month the same dumpster cost $600; their company had instituted a housing allowance program; and that the 6 a.m. start time was workable. Henry Sori, Government Relations for Waste Management of Florida, commented about the different types of goods and services found in the general CPI verses the industry specific category. Councilman Henry Rosenthal asked when Waste Management took over the Advanced Disposal account. Mr. Sullivan explained that Waste Management purchased Advanced Disposal (nationwide); the acquisition was in excess of $4 billion and took over 20 months to complete; and stated they took over October 31, 2020. He reported they were currently converting from the Advanced Disposal reporting system to the Waste Management reporting system which would take effect August 1st; and anticipated providing reports to the Village Manager in September for the month of August. Councilman Henry Rosenthal pointed out that the staffing issues and increased expenses existed at the time the acquisition occurred. Mr. Sullivan commented about the significant influx of tourists to the Florida Keys primarily due to COVID-19; noted the shortage in affordable housing and the significant increase to the real estate market; and commented about the shortage in staff throughout the Monroe County. Mr. Sullivan stated the acquisition of Advanced Disposal by Waste Management probably began in 2017. Councilman Henry Rosenthal commented about his conversation with Mr. Sori and stated he would not support an increase higher than 3%. Mr. Sullivan appealed to the Council to consider an increase equivalent to the current CPI of 5.1%. Councilman Mark Gregg stated he had a difficult time giving a company that size a raise on the backs of the taxpayers and expressed his support for the existing 3% increase and changing the start time to 6 a.m.

Greg Sullivan commented that they were locked into the contractual rates that were approved by the Village and contrasted their situation with businesses that could increase their rates daily if the need arose; noted steel prices recently went up 68%; noted they were a six-truck operation but had seven spare trucks; and noted the acquisition took 20 months to be approved by the Department of Justice. He stated they conducted a rate study and noted the Village was in line within pennies of Monroe County's rates; that the primary difference was that the Village received a 15% franchise fee whereas Monroe County received a 5% franchise fee on half of the rate due to a split between service and disposal. He stated that Waste Management fees in Islamorada were the lowest in the entire county.

Mayor Buddy Pinder opened public comment.

Van Cadenhead stated, "a deal is a deal" and expressed support for the 6 a.m. start time and providing an increase consistent with the current contract. He noted that the contract would be up for renegotiation in 2023. He noted the current contract was negotiated by Advanced Disposal, but Waste Management was aware of this when the made the acquisition.

Angel Borden commented about Waste Management having built a processing plant in the southern portion of Monroe County; noted increased expenses; and questioned whether the company took advantage of the federal funding offered such as the CARES Act. She stated local businesses had struggled and to authorize an increase to their fees would be mismanagement; noted a contract this large would have to go out for bid; stated Waste Management was aware of the risks when they acquired Advanced Disposal; and expressed opposition to an increase of 5.1%.

Greg Sullivan explained Waste Management's operational efforts at the Key Largo, Long Key and Cudjoe transfer stations noting his employees ran the tip floor and hauled trash out; noted the similar situation with Key West; said that they have a site for construction and demolition materials which they also hauled out; and stated there were no processing centers or landfills in the Florida Keys.

Angel Borden stated Advanced Disposal used to haul the trash to Fort Lauderdale; and that Waste Management hauls it to Card Sound Road and Monroe County pays Waste Management to haul the trash out of Monroe County.

Councilman Henry Rosenthal made a motion to accept the 3% increase (that exists in the current contract) and a start time of 6 a.m. Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 5-0.

Village Manager Greg Oravec stated he would bring a resolution back to Council which modified the start time to 6 a.m. and noted that no action would be required on the rate as it was already in the contract. Village Attorney Roget Bryan stated the motion was just a motion to bring the specified changes back to Council.

TAB 9: Resolution Determining the Proposed Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, Establishing the Current Year Rolled-Back Rate, and the Date, Time and Place for the First and Second Budget Hearings

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022; ESTABLISHING THE CURRENT YEAR ROLLED-BACK RATE, AND THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND BUDGET HEARINGS AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW; DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AND VILLAGE MANAGER TO PROPERLY FILE THE CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE VIA E-TRIM; DIRECTING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE MONROE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA STATUTES AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was heard at 8:35 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Village Manager Greg Oravec pointed out the previously presented audit findings were an example of Maria Bassett's leadership and the work of her great team and commended them for their efforts. Finance Director Maria Bassett presented the staff report noting the current gross taxable value for 2021 was nearly $4.3 billion which was the value the Village would work with through the budget process when determining the millage rate; explained that the adjusted current year taxable value was $4.2 billion and was the value used to determine the rolled-back rate; and explained that the rolled-back rate represented no tax increase. Ms. Basset stated that the rolled-back rate for 2021 would be 2.849 mills and that the 2020 rolled-back rate was 3.015 mills. She stated staff was recommending a proposed millage rate, that would be reflected on the TRIM notices in August, of 3.015 mills which represented an increase of 5.83% over the rolled-back rate. Ms. Basset explained that during the budget process the Council could reduce the proposed millage rate and adopt a lower rate; and that the proposed rate provided room to work with and avoided having to pay for re-noticing of the TRIM if the Council decided later that a higher rate was necessary. Village Manager Greg Oravec stated he would be recommending a lower rate.

Councilman David Webb expressed his gratitude to Ms. Bassett and commended her, stating she had done an extraordinary job filling the two positions for such a long duration and ending with the audit report. He asked that during the budget workshops the Council address how they would plan for worst case contingencies going forward; noted the Village would be on the hook for purchasing property in 2023; suggested that when the Council considered the millage rate that it would not create a situation where the Village would be in the hole when there was a forecasted issue; stated he would rather provide a rebate in taxes to property owners than assessing property owners because the Village did not plan appropriately. Councilman Mark Gregg expressed his support for Councilman Webb's comments and the proposed millage rate. Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler noted the overall increasing costs and that if the Village experienced a shortfall the Council would be "roasted alive". Mayor Buddy Pinder expressed support for Councilman Webb's comments.

Mayor Buddy Pinder opened public comment; no comment was offered.

Councilman David Webb made a motion to approve with a second from Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler. Council voted and the motion passed 5-0.

TAB 10: Preliminary Rate Resolution for FY 2021-2022 Solid Waste Assessment

A PRELIMINARY RATE RESOLUTION OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE WITHIN THE VILLAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022; ESTABLISHING THE ESTIMATED ASSESSMENT RATE FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICE AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was heard at 8:46 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Finance Director Maria Bassett explained that the Village levied an annual non-ad valorem assessment on residential properties to pay for the solid waste disposal services currently being provided by Advanced Disposal (Waste Management); and noted there were also five assessments for wastewater and one for stormwater. Ms. Bassett explained that the ordinance that established the solid waste non-ad valorem assessment required two readings of the rate resolution in order to be adopted, noting it was the only assessment with this requirement. She stated the resolution before Council was the preliminary rate resolution for solid waste services for residential properties; and based on her budget calculations, she was recommending the same rate as the prior two years. Ms. Bassett explained that the Village had been able to stabilize the rate due to new properties receiving their certificate of occupancy (CO) at which time they paid a pro-rated amount for their solid waste assessment; the funds from these properties were held in a pool as a type of reserve and used in the next budget year to keep the rate stabilized noting that the contractor began providing the services but that a reconciliation of the house counts (dwelling units) was conducted during the budget preparation process. Ms. Bassett stated she was recommending a preliminary rate of $455.65 per residential dwelling unit.

Councilman Mark Gregg asked if it included multi-family units such as condominiums which he believed to be classified as commercial accounts. Ms. Bassett stated usually multi-family units were commercial accounts, but that sometimes they had the option of choosing residential service. Councilman Gregg noted his interest in the 4,385 dwelling units (house counts). Ms. Bassett stated that she anticipated that by the time the final rate resolution was presented to Council, the total would increase by 67 additional dwelling units for the year.

Mayor Pinder opened public comment; no comment was offered.

Councilman David Webb made a motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mark Gregg. Council voted and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Pinder recognized Maria Jones with the Florida Keys Electric Cooperative (FKEC) and invited her to the podium. Ms. Jones greeted the Council and stated she was the Director of Member

Services and Governmental Relations for FKEC. She stated she was attending the meeting because of the Freebee agenda item.

TAB 11: Resolution Approving a Revocable License Agreement with Beefree, LLC, d/b/a/ Freebee, for Charging Stations Adjacent to Village Hall

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH BEEFREE, LLC., d/b/a FREEBEE RELATED TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS; AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was heard at 8:51 p.m. Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Village Manager Greg Oravec presented the staff report. He provided background information about the Freebee car service noting the contract ran through April 30, 2022 at a price not to exceed $320,000 a year. He reported that the agreement provided for the Village to offer an electric charging station which had not been invoked because Freebee had partnered with local businesses, noting the current location experienced electrical issues which necessitated a change. Mr. Oravec explained that Freebee approached the Village about the issue; Village staff worked with FKEC Director of Member Services and Government Relations Maria Jones and Islamorada Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Judy Hull to identify an appropriate location; noted that they identified a location where they could install four spaces between the pump station and Overseas Highway next to Village Hall. Mr. Oravec explained that Freebee would be responsible for the design, permitting and construction project and that the agreement allowed for Freebee to use the space.

Councilman David Webb commented that Freebee served as the Village's municipal transportation service and expressed his support for approval. Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler stated the City of Marathon was considering using Freebee because of the Village's program; and that he had residents thank him multiple times for the service. Councilman Mark Gregg, Councilman Mark Gregg and Mayor Buddy Pinder expressed their support for the services Freebee provides.

FKEC Director of Member Services and Government Relations Maria Jones stated the new location was good; she spoke with the engineering department and FKEC would need to install a single-phase transformer which was a housekeeping item noting the current transformer would not accommodate the charging stations. Village Manager Greg Oravec inquired about the size of the footprint. Ms. Jones stated it should not be any bigger than what was currently there.

Mayor Buddy Pinder opened public comment; no comment was offered.

Councilman David Webb made a motion to approve with a second from Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler. Council voted and the motion passed 5-0.

MAYOR / COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

TAB 12: Discussion Regarding Resolution Authorizing Extension of the Code Lien Amnesty Program

This item was heard at 7:18 p.m. Village Manager Greg Oravec provided background information about the Wastewater Code Lien Amnesty Program noting 99.41% of all developed parcels were connected. He commented that in addition to the program, other connection incentives were offered such as multiple Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs, a Village subsidy program funded by Affordable Housing funds and the Village Grinder Pump Program. Mr. Oravec explained that when the program ends property owners would still have the ability to request a lien modification through the Special Magistrate and if needed, appeal to the Council for further modification of the lien. He explained that staff would not initiate a foreclosure action without specific direction from Council; said homesteaded properties were shielded from foreclosure actions; commented that the amnesty program had produced positive results; and noted that since the last Council meeting several property owners had either connected and/or extinguished their liens. Mr. Oravec asked the Council to consider an extension of the program for 60 days to allow him and Senior Code Officer Carlota de la Sierra to meet with the remaining property owners to ascertain their reason for delay. He also asked that they consider that they may come to a consensus regarding how to bridge the gap by exploring specific Program parameters such as: (1) defining a sunset date that the Council unanimously supported such as December 31, 2021, (2) requiring specific cutoff dates for obtaining a permit (such as October 21, 2021) and for connecting (such as December 31, 2021), and (3) requiring eligible property owners to pay a greater portion of the fine after the cutoff date (such as increasing the current fine from 2% to 3% for residential and 4% to 6% for commercial).

Councilman David Webb expressed support for the Village Manager's suggestions as it would allow the Council the opportunity to discuss and determine the best way to address the specific distressful situations for specific properties. He commented that if the Council moved forward with the manager's suggestion, he would advocate aggressively for foreclosure on those non-homesteaded property owners that "thumbed their nose" at the Village. Councilman Henry Rosenthal expressed his support for extending the program through the end of the year and meeting with the property owners. Councilman Mark Gregg noted it was important to distinguish between those property owners that "could not" connect and those that "would not" connect and expressed support for Councilman Webb's approach and the Village Manager's suggestions. Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler expressed his support for the Village Manager's suggestions. Mayor Buddy Pinder commented that the end of the year was definitely the cutoff; that he would like the extension to end October 31st but was amenable to September 30th if staff was going to work aggressively and a progress update be provided to Council prior to the cutoff.

Village Manager Greg Oravec stated staff would not engage in any enforcement action between September 30th and the October 14th update to Council on the subject; and that Council would have the full benefit of the report at the October 14th meeting to provide direction as they see fit.

Mayor Buddy Pinder opened public comment.

Mike Murphy reported that he was a local contractor that had provided sewer connection services and that he had recently been hired for six more connection jobs out of the 23 remaining in Islamorada. He stated that some properties, such as the Cabrera property, required a lot of engineering so he hired an engineer recommended by Dan Burden who was familiar with the wastewater system. Mr. Murphy stated they were working as quickly as possible and were currently waiting on a survey from Mr. Massey so that the plans could be drafted. Mr. Murphy noted he was also working on the sewer connections for the Payfair Supermarket. He stated he was providing his services at a fair rate and in some cases, he was doing the job for almost nothing. Mr. Murphy asked that the extension go to December 31, 2021, noting that one of the properties was an engineering headache and there were quite a few things that had to be dealt with. Mayor Buddy Pinder noted that Dan Burden was an engineer with Wade Trim who was the Village's wastewater consultant. Mr. Murphy commented that engineering takes a long time in Monroe County so he hired an engineer out of Miami so that the plans could be drafted, and the project completed as soon as possible. He stated that he did not see completing the project by September 30th.

Councilman David Webb clarified that the building permit had to be applied for by September 30th but that the connection did not need to be completed until December 31st.

Angel Borden commented that she was told a property owner could not apply for the amnesty program if they had a code violation on another property they owned and opined that this was contrary to her understanding of the eligibility criteria listed in the amnesty program document. She stated that, based on her understanding of the document, Ms. Cabrera should be able to apply to the program for the one property that is connected. She stated that a demolition permit was recently issued for a second property Ms. Cabrera owns noting the code fines would soon end and that application to the amnesty program was needed for this property. Ms. Borden stated Ms. Cabrera's third property was a nightmare and that they were being told they could not do anything until the nightmare property was handled. She commented that the amnesty program was an "agreement" and that agreements could be modified. Mayor Buddy Pinder asked the staff to look into some of the comments made by Ms. Borden.

Senior Code Enforcement Officer Carlotta de la Sierra clarified that the 2017 resolution (17-05-32) that adopted the Wastewater Code Compliance Lien Reduction Amnesty Program stated that properties owned by a property owner were not eligible to participate in the amnesty program when there was an active code violation on any of the properties owned by the property owner. Village Manager Greg Oravec stated staff could report on the topic at the October meeting and that he thought the requirement stemmed from Florida Statues which addressed fines levied against a property and that it was that property and all properties within the jurisdiction, meaning that the properties were joint.

Mayor Buddy Pinder closed public comment.

Councilman David Webb reminded everyone that regardless of Council's decision on the amnesty program, property owners still had the ability to have their case heard before the Special Magistrate to mitigate any fines and could then seek further reduction from the Council. He noted that this allowed the Council to consider the issue on a case-by-case basis. He stated the conclusion of the amnesty program was not the end of their opportunity to mitigate the fines.

Councilman Henry Rosenthal asked if the issues surrounding the Cabrera properties could be cleared up at the meeting. Village Attorney Roget Bryan stated they could not. He explained that any property in the process of connecting, that had pulled a permit, and connected by December 31st would be eligible. He summarized the Village Manager's proposal. Discussion ensued between the Village Attorney and Councilman Henry Rosenthal about the Cabrera properties, eligibility, Florida Statues and a suggestion that Ms. Borden schedule a meeting with the Village Manager to discuss the three properties.

Mayor Buddy Pinder stated he understood the program would be extended to September 30, 2021, that an update would be provided to Council at the October 14th meeting and asked the Village Manager to provide the specifics regarding the extension, permits and connections. Village Manager Greg Oravec stated the two-tiered program required that a permit be obtained by a specific date and the connection completed by a specific date. Mr. Oravec asked the Council if they would agree to extending the program to October 31st instead of September 30th. Council expressed agreement. The Village Manager stated the dates for the two-tiered approach were October 31, 2021 and December 31, 2021. Councilman Mark Gregg, with support from the mayor, stated that December cutoff was a hard date. The Village Manager affirmed that if someone was not connected by the end of the year, they would not be able to participate in the program.

Councilman David Webb made a motion to approve the conditions stated by the Village Manager. Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 5-0.

Agenda Addition: Building Permits

This item was heard at 8:58 p.m. Councilman Henry Rosenthal opined that sometimes the Village moved very quickly, and suggested consideration be given to holding up some of the building permits. He stated the Village was obligated to awarding 22 BPAS permits annually and suggested taking that number back for the remainder of the year; noted the 2023 buildout was near; and suggested reducing the number of allocations that would be awarded this year in an attempt to forestall buildout in 2023. He stated he was simply introducing the topic for Councilmembers to consider rather than discussing it at the current meeting.

Councilman David Webb restated his requests made earlier during the additions and deletions section of the agenda to have State Representatives address the Council and public regarding the proposed FDOT expansion of the turnpike in Florida City. Village Manager Greg Oravec stated, with regard to State Representative Jim Mooney and Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez speaking about the FDOT turnpike expansion, they would most likely want representatives from FDOT to join them.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY / VILLAGE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

TAB 13: Proposed Village Council Rules for Remote Meetings

This item was heard at 9:01 p.m. Village Manager Greg Oravec opened discussion regarding public participation using Zoom or other communications media technology (CMT). He confirmed that the Council supported utilizing CMT for public participation; and confirmed with

Councilmembers that they agreed with requiring in-person attendance for quasi-judicial agenda items.

Mr. Oravec addressed the topic of remote participation by Councilmembers. He explained that a physical quorum was required and asked if the Council wanted to allow up to two Councilmembers, under extraordinary circumstances, to participate remotely. Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler and Councilman Mark Gregg expressed opposition; Councilman Henry Rosenthal and Mayor Buddy Pinder expressed support; and Councilman David Webb stated he would support it but that it had to be a limited time, a limited number per year, and without getting too personal, would have to be an extraordinary circumstance that prevented them from attending. Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler commented that if a councilmember was going to participate remotely, the Council must be able to see their face and be able to ensure no other person was next to them influencing their decision-making process. Discussion ensued regarding quasi-judicial participation. Village Manager Greg Oravec stated a Councilmember appearing via Zoom would be able to participate in a quasi-judicial item but would not be able to vote on the item.

Councilman David Webb asked if there would be a limit on the number of times a year a Councilman would be permitted to attend virtually. Mr. Oravec stated peer organizations usually allowed no more than two times a year under extraordinary or extenuating circumstances noting travel on behalf of the municipality was permissible. Councilman Mark Gregg referenced a Longboat Key Town Commission memo in the agenda item that identified various permissible circumstances which were acceptable to him. Councilman Greg stated if a Councilmember had advance notice, they could request Council approval at a meeting; that voters expected Councilmembers to be in attendance; and acknowledged extraordinary circumstances were okay. Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler commented about the importance of Councilmembers attending the meetings in person. Mayor Buddy Pinder expressed his support for allowing virtual attendance for extraordinary circumstances; and noted previous Councilmembers had missed meetings. Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler asked if the chair of the meeting, typically the mayor, could chair the meeting virtually. Village Manager Greg Oravec opined that he did not think it could be done effectively. Mayor Buddy Pinder commented that he had previously had that discussion with Mr. Oravec, and he was okay with it. Councilman David Webb stated the proper protocol would be for the mayor to pass the gavel. Councilman Henry Rosenthal stated he did not agree with having a list of extraordinary circumstances in which it was acceptable to miss a meeting; that he did not want to be voted on he just wanted to go because he had his own reasons; and noted the only reason the Council would not be entitled to would be a medical reason. Councilman Mark Gregg stated Councilman Rosenthal was saying the Council should forget about the list of extraordinary circumstances. Councilman Rosenthal affirmed his understanding. Councilman Gregg stated he could not support that. Councilman David Webb asked if Councilman Henry Rosenthal was talking about missing a meeting and not participating remotely. Councilman Rosenthal explained that he was talking about attending virtually for any reason and being able to vote; expressed opposition to the list; and support for allowing Councilmembers to miss two meetings.

Village Manager Greg Oravec asked if there were still three Councilmembers in favor of allowing remote meeting attendance. Councilman David Webb, Councilman Henry Rosenthal and Mayor

Buddy Pinder expressed their support. Mr. Oravec asked under what terms virtual participation would be allowable, specifically how many meetings could be missed. The consensus was to allow up to two meetings to be missed per year under extraordinary circumstances; and to allow no more than one Councilmember at a time could participate virtually.

Village Manager Greg Oravec explained that there were two ways of making a request to appear virtually: (1) make the request to the presiding officer which would be granted on a first-come, first-served basis; and (2) to make the request to Council at the meeting and ask for a vote, noting the Councilmember could appear virtually when making the request. The consensus was to make the request to the presiding officer.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan stated that when he originally opined on extraordinary/extenuating circumstances in 2019 it was based on Attorney General Opinions prior to the widespread use of communications media technology; that there was clear guidance on what constituted extraordinary circumstances; suggested the Village Manager was trying to ascertain how broad of a category the Council wanted; and that if the Council wanted a more limited category it has generally been incapacitation due to illness or injury or hindered by circumstances from physically attending but was otherwise able to concentrate and give his/her attention to the business of the Council. Councilman Mark Gregg stated he was going to go along with it, but he really wanted virtual attendance to occur under extraordinary circumstances.

Village Manager Greg Oravec stated to the extent the majority agreed, staff had notated it; confirmed that the Council agreed Councilmembers needed to be present on quasi-judicial items; and confirmed that the Council agreed that the virtual participation by Local Planning Agency (LPA) members should mirror the Council.

Mr. Oravec asked if the Council wanted to be generous regarding virtual participation by Citizens' Advisory Committees which would mean a physical quorum would be required and the remaining members could participate virtually. Council expressed their agreement. Councilman Mark Gregg spoke in support of being as liberal as possible with the volunteer committee members. He stated he thought quorums were required legally and could not be waived. Village Attorney Roget Bryan explained that when they did not have a quorum, they were not legally allowed to transact business; and that if they met without a quorum were they in a de facto workshop and if so, the discussion would still need to be presented at the regular meeting. Councilman David Webb stated he was not in favor of waiving the quorum requirement.

Village Manager Greg Oravec stated he would present draft rules to Council for their consideration. He suggested the committees could create subcommittees when needed.

Mayor Buddy Pinder opened public comment.

Angel Borden expressed her support for the Council's decision and suggested that if a Councilmember was on vacation, they could take the time to participate remotely.

Mike Murphy expressed his agreement with Ms. Borden's comments.

Joan Scholz expressed agreement with Ms. Borden's comments and expressed her gratitude regarding the Council's decision to allow the public to participate remotely.

Mayor Pinder closed public comment.

Agenda Addition: TDC Grant for Founders Park Dog Park

This item was heard at 9:28 p.m. Finance Director Maria Basset reported that staff had submitted a grant application to TDC for various dog park improvements which included an agility area, doggy splash zone with paved areas, installing irrigation, synthetic pet turf, rubber mulch and seating; the quote for the improvements was $197,981; and noted the TDC had approved the grant for $197,981. She explained that staff received the grant agreement which required the mayor's signature and to be transmitted to the TDC by August 2. She requested authorization for the mayor to sign the agreement noting staff would bring the item back to Council at the August 19 meeting for ratification by resolution. Council expressed their agreement with a thumbs-up.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman David Webb made a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Approved by Council August 19, 2021.

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