



Islamorada, Village of Islands

SPECIAL CALL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

July 17, 2023 - 5:30 PM
Founders Park Community Center
87000 Overseas Highway
Islamorada, FL 33036

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Member mark gregg, Council Member Elizabeth Jolin,
Council Member Henry Rosenthal, Vice Mayor Sharon Mahoney,
Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III,

ABSENT: None

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Frank Derfler led the Pledge of Allegiance and Tony Hammon shared a prayer to begin the meeting.

III. AGENDA: Requests for Deletion / Emergency Additions

There were no additions or deletions.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

(This is general public comment. It provides an opportunity for the public to speak about matters not scheduled elsewhere on the agenda. The mayor opens public comment on agenda items throughout the meeting.)

Speakers included:

Andy Newman
Van Cadenhead
Jamie Engel
Joe Wischmeier
Jill Zima Borski

V. MAYOR / COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Jolin, Council Member Gregg, and Mayor Pinder apologized for their contributions to any dissension at the July 6 Council meeting.

Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III asked Attorney Quick to talk about the propriety of the manager hiring or firing staff members as at-will employees.

Village Attorney John Quick noted the legal department looks more at whether a firing is legal or illegal. He indicated that he found no illegal action taken in Mr. Gulizio's firing.

As Council Member Gregg had made a motion to extend the manager's contract, public comment was opened at 6:15 pm.

Speakers included:

Van Cadenhead
Ed Davidson
Don Horton
Greg Friedman
Joe Wischmeier
Justin Peta
John Fernandez
Angel Borden

Public comment was closed.

Village Manager Ted Yates spoke on his experiences coming here from Ohio and his reasons for wanting to stay. He noted that it was his belief that he could help the Council move past the division and dissension and that the community deserved stability.

ACTION:	Motion to extend village manager yates' contract for one more year item V. by mark gregg second by Joseph B. Pinder III; Motion failed with a 2:3
AYES:	mark gregg, Joseph B. Pinder III
NAYS:	Sharon Mahoney, Elizabeth Jolin, Henry Rosenthal
ABSTAIN:	None

VI. VILLAGE ATTORNEY / VILLAGE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

VII. RESOLUTIONS

- A.** Resolution Approving Non-Renewal of Village Manager Contract
- **TAB 7 from July 6, 2023 Council Meeting** (John Quick, Interim Village Attorney)

It was noted that the item was scheduled for the July 6 agenda but not heard due to the meeting running late.

Public comment was opened at 6:45 p.m.

Speakers included:
Joan Scholz
Dave Petkovich
Tatiana Madden
Van Cadenhead
Craig Belsen
Capt Ed Davidson

Andy Newman
Rich Russell
Joe Wischmeier
John Fernandez
Angel Borden
Glenn Latham
Carolyn Wightman
Tony Hammon
Deb Gillis
Don Horton
Carla Bahn
Craig McBay
Sue Miller
Wendy Jenkins
Derek Rodberg
Joe Roth
Greg Dully
Sharon Yates

Public comment was closed at 7:58 p.m.

Discussion ensued amongst the Council and members shared their opinions on Mr. Yates' service and their positions on his employment contract.

Council Member Jolin made a motion to call the question as the debate continued.

Village Attorney John Quick clarified that "Call the Question" was a motion to end the debate, which would need to be voted on before moving to the original motion.

The motion to call the question passed 3-2 and roll was called for the main motion to approve the non-renewal of the Village Manager contract, which passed 3-2.

ACTION: Motion to motion 1 - approval to call the question by Elizabeth Jolin second by Henry Rosenthal;

Motion with a 3:2

AYES: Sharon Mahoney, Elizabeth Jolin, Henry Rosenthal

NAYS: mark gregg, Joseph B. Pinder III

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to Motion 2 - Approve the non-renewal of the Village Manager Contract VII.A. by Elizabeth Jolin second by Henry Rosenthal;

Motion with a 3:2

AYES: Sharon Mahoney, Elizabeth Jolin, Henry Rosenthal

NAYS: mark gregg, Joseph B. Pinder III

ABSTAIN: None

- B. Resolution Approving Award of Contractual Services Agreement for Residential and Commercial Solid Waste, Yard Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal Services Effective January 1, 2024 - TAB 15 from July 6, 2023 Council Meeting (Ted Yates, Village Manager)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE, YARD WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Pinder called a recess until chambers were quiet at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:21 pm.

Public comment was opened at 9:35 pm

Speakers included:

Greg Sullivan of Waste Management
Angel Borden
Van Cadenhead

ACTION:	Motion to approve item VII.B. by Henry Rosenthal second by Sharon Mahoney; Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES:	Sharon Mahoney, Elizabeth Jolin, mark gregg, Henry Rosenthal, Joseph B. Pinder III
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Further discussion ensued regarding how to proceed with appointing an Interim Village Manager.

The consensus of the Council was to discuss the matter in greater detail at the Thursday, July 20 Land Use Council Meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Henry Rosenthal moved to adjourn at 9:53 p.m.