



Islamorada, Village of Islands

REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

UNHEARD ITEMS FROM 2/13

February 15, 2024 - 5:30 PM
Founders Park Community Center
87000 Overseas Highway
Islamorada, FL 33036

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III called the meeting to order at 05:40 PM

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

ABSENT:

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant Fire Chief Jason Lyman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Pinder started the meeting with a prayer.

III. AGENDA: Requests for Deletion / Emergency Additions

Council Member Henry Rosenthal indicated that if Tab 14 was not pulled from the agenda he would recuse himself.

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.)

Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III opened public comment.

Speakers included:

Van Cadenhead

Sandi Bisceglia

Larry Dalton, president of Madiera Bay HOA

Joe Wischmeier

Don Horton

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Pinder closed public comment.

V. MAYOR / COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

None

VI. ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance Amending the Village Code to Create Section 2-33 "Reimbursement of Legal Expense in Defense of Officials" - **Second Reading - TAB 14** (John Quick, Interim Village Attorney)

AN ORDINANCE OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE II "OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES," DIVISION 1 "GENERALLY" BY CREATING SECTION 2-33 "REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGAL EXPENSE IN DEFENSE OF OFFICIALS"; PROVIDING FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF DEFENSE OF OFFICIALS; DEFINITIONS; REQUEST AND APPROVAL; AUTHORIZATION; RESERVATION OF RIGHTS AND IMMUNITIES; APPLICABILITY; MALICIOUS, FRIVOLOUS OR GROUNDLESS ALLEGATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Interim Village Attorney John Quick introduced the ordinance on second reading.

The Council did not request any changes from first reading.

Council Member Henry Rosenthal recused himself from discussion and voting on the item.

Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III opened public comment.

Speakers included:
Van Cadenhead
Larry Dalton

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Pinder closed public comment.

ACTION:	Motion to approve item VI.A. by Elizabeth Jolin second by Mark Gregg; Motion passed with a 4:0 vote
AYES:	Mark Gregg, Elizabeth Jolin, Sharon Mahoney, Joseph B. Pinder III
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	Henry Rosenthal

- B. Ordinance Amending Section 22-64 First Time Home Buyer Down Payment - **Second Reading - TAB 15** (Jennifer DeBoisbriand , Planning Director, John Quick, Interim Village Attorney, Maria Bassett, Finance Director)

AN ORDINANCE OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 22 "HOUSING", ARTICLE III

"FIRST TIME HOME BUYER DOWN PAYMENT", AMENDING SECTION 22-64; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSMITTAL OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON THE APPROVAL OF THIS ORDINANCE BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III opened public comment.

Speakers included:
Deb Gillis

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Pinder closed public comment.

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

C. Ordinance Amending Section 2-121, Appeals of Code Enforcement Orders - First Reading - TAB 16 (John Quick, Interim Village Attorney)

AN ORDINANCE OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE III "CODE COMPLIANCE," DIVISION 2 "ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT", SECTION 2-121 "APPEALS OF ORDER"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

There were no requested changes to be made for the second reading.

Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III opened public comment.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Pinder closed public comment.

ACTION:	Motion to approve item VI.C. by Mark Gregg second by Elizabeth Jolin; Motion passed with a 5:0 vote
AYES:	Mark Gregg, Elizabeth Jolin, Henry Rosenthal, Sharon Mahoney, Joseph B. Pinder III
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

D. Ordinance Calling for a Referendum to Revise Term Limits - First Reading - TAB 17 (John Quick, Interim Village Attorney)

AN ORDINANCE OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM VOTE TO BE HELD WITH THE REGULAR VILLAGE ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024; PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE VILLAGE CHARTER PERTAINING TO TERM LIMITS; PROVIDING FOR PLACEMENT ON THE BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION OF VILLAGE CLERK AND FOR VILLAGE CANVASSING BOARD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER/CONFORMITY OF AMENDMENT; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 24-02; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Interim Village Attorney John Quick explained that this proposed language clarified that this ordinance would be 'prospective', not retrospective. Recent cases have led to some ambiguity on the matter; the Council wished to clarify that its intent was for the ballot question to pertain only to future Council terms and not to include any past Council service.

Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III opened public comment.

Speakers included:
Van Cadenhead
Don Horton
Joe Wischmeier

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Pinder closed public comment.

ACTION:	Motion to approve item VI.D. by Mark Gregg second by Elizabeth Jolin; Motion passed with a 5:0 vote
AYES:	Mark Gregg, Elizabeth Jolin, Henry Rosenthal, Sharon Mahoney, Joseph B. Pinder III
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

VII. MOTIONS

A. Consideration to Appoint Angel Borden to the Historic Preservation Committee - TAB 18

Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III opened public comment.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Pinder closed public comment.

ACTION:	Motion to approve item VII.A. by Henry Rosenthal second by Elizabeth Jolin; Motion passed with a 5:0 vote
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AYES: Mark Gregg, Elizabeth Jolin, Henry Rosenthal, Sharon Mahoney, Joseph B. Pinder III

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

- B.** Motion to Adopt the Resolution Approving Third Sixty (60) Day Extension of Employee Interchange Agreement with Monroe County - **TAB 20**

Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III opened public comment.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Pinder closed public comment.

ACTION: Motion to approve item VII.B. by Mark Gregg second by Sharon Mahoney;

Motion passed with a 5:0 vote

AYES: Mark Gregg, Elizabeth Jolin, Henry Rosenthal, Sharon Mahoney, Joseph B. Pinder III

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

VIII. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS - TAB 21

A request was made to remove the dates from the travel report out of concern for the safety of those traveling on Village business.

- A.** After-Action Report

- B.** FY 23-24 Weiss, Serota Billing Summary

- C.** FY 23-24 Council & Staff Travel - Scheduled & Completed

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Henry Rosenthal moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.



Marne McGrath, Village Clerk