

MINUTES  
TOWN OF JUNO BEACH  
**TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**September 15, 2015**

Council Chambers

340 Ocean Drive

PRESENT: MORT LEVINE, MAYOR  
ELLEN ANDEL, VICE MAYOR  
BILL GREENE, VICE MAYOR PRO TEM  
JASON HASELKORN, COUNCILMEMBER  
JIM LYONS, COUNCILMEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: JOSEPH LO BELLO, TOWN MANAGER  
LEONARD RUBIN, TOWN ATTORNEY  
VANESSA MUTCHNIK, TOWN CLERK  
MATTHEW PAZANSKI, FINANCE DIRECTOR  
ANTHONY MERIANO, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
PAUL FERTIG, MAJOR  
RUBEN CRUZ, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Mayor Levine called the Town Council regular meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Audience: 10

- ~ CALL TO ORDER
- ~ INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
- ~ ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

1. **SWEARING IN PAUL F. FERTIG TO MAJOR**

Chief Smith introduced Major Paul Fertig before he was sworn in.

Town Clerk Mutchnik swore in Paul Fertig as Major Paul Fertig.

2. **PRESENTATION OF DONATION CHECK TO LOGGERHEAD MARINELIFE CENTER**

Mayor Levine presented a \$2,500 donation check to Jack Lighton, President & CEO Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center.

Mr. Lighton thanked the Town for its continued support of center.

3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Public Comments Opened at 5:49 PM

Ron D'Amico, 1061 Ocean Drive, stated that he would like to see lights installed on the new royal palms at the south end of the Town. He stated that he is aware that the cost is around \$30,000 and would like to know how each Council Member feels about installing lights on these palms. Mr. D'Amico said that he believes a fundraising project could be a viable way of obtaining the funds for this project.

Mayor Levine thanked Mr. D'Amico for his comment but stated that he could not poll the Council members at this time and Council did not have to respond, unless they wished to comment on the subject. Mayor Levine stated that if Mr. D'Amico had some ideas on how to raise funds for installing lights, he would suggest he bring them to staff.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Greene thanked Mr. D'Amico bringing this item to the Council and questioned if \$30,000 was a reasonable estimate.

Town Manager Lo Bello stated that this was the estimate that staff had received but it could have changed. He stated that staff would need to look into it again if Council wished to move forward with this item.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Greene stated that he would fully endorse a fundraising effort for this project.

Mr. D'Amico stated that the Town could possibly speak with representatives of Florida Power and Light (FPL) and see if they could help. He also mentioned placing an article in the next Town newsletter.

Town Manager Lo Bello asked Director of Public Works Meriano about the number of trees.

Director of Public Works Meriano stated there were 30 trees.

Public Comments Closed at 5:55 PM

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

*All matters listed under Item 1, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

A. Annual Progress Report - Flood Plain Management

*MOTION: Lyons/Andel made motion to approve the consent agenda.*

*COUNCIL ACTION: The motion passed 5-0.*

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING: ORDINANCE NO. 682**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA, SETTING AND FIXING A MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED AND SET FOR AND UPON ALL REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Town Attorney Rubin read Ordinance No. 682 by title.

A. Staff Presentation and Recommendations

Finance Director Pazanski made the following announcement per Florida Statutes: The Town of Juno Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, setting and fixing a millage rate to be levied at 2.4288 which represents a 0.01% tax decrease.

Mayor Levine stated that staff's memorandum, presentation and all back-up materials would be placed into the record.

B. Public Hearing  
No Public Comments.

C. Council Discussion  
No Discussion

D. Council Motion/Second  
***MOTION:** Andel/Greene made motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 682, setting and fixing a millage rate of 2.4288 mills for the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year.*

E. Council Action  
*The motion passed 5-0.*

6. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING: ORDINANCE NO. 683**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Town Attorney Rubin read Ordinance No. 683 by title.

Mayor Levine stated that staff's memorandum, presentation and all back-up materials would be placed into the record.

A. Staff Presentation and Recommendations

B. Public Hearing  
No Public Comments.

C. Council Discussion  
No Discussion.

D. Council Motion/Second  
***MOTION:** Andel/Greene made motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 683, approving the 2015 - 2016 tentative annual budget, schedules and policy recommendation referenced in staff's memorandum.*

E. Council Action  
*The motion passed 5-0.*

7. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING: ORDINANCE NO. 684**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Town Attorney Rubin read Ordinance No. 684 by title.

Mayor Levine stated that staff's memorandum, presentation and all back-up materials would be placed into the record.

Mayor Levine stated this ordinance concerns adjustments and amendments to the current year budget.

A. Staff Presentation and Recommendations

B. Public Hearing  
No Public Comments.

C. Council Discussion  
No Discussion

D. Council Motion/Second  
*MOTION: Andel/Greene made motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No 684, amending the budget for the Fiscal Year 2014/2015.*

E. Council Action  
*The motion passed 5-0.*

**8. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING: ORDINANCE 681**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII, "TRANSITION SCHEDULE," SECTION 3, "MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS," OF THE TOWN CHARTER TO REQUIRE THAT A CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE CONSIST OF AT LEAST FIVE MEMBERS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF THE QUESTION; PROVIDING FOR BALLOT TITLE AND EXPLANATORY LANGUAGE; PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Town Attorney Rubin read Ordinance No. 681 by title only.

B. Staff Presentation and Recommendations  
Mayor Levine stated that staff's memorandum, presentation and all back-up materials from this meeting and the previous meeting regarding this item would be placed into the record.

B. Public Hearing  
No Public Comments.

C. Council Discussion

D. Council Motion/Second

**MOTION:** *Andel/Lyons made motion to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 681.*

Councilmember Lyons questioned if the referendum question would go on the ballot in March if the Town does not have an election.

Town Attorney Rubin stated that if the Town does not have an election, then the referendum question would be put off until the next Town election.

E. Council Action

*The motion passed 5-0.*

9. **COMMENTS FROM TOWN MANAGER**

Town Manager Lo Bello stated that the Civic Association and Frenchman's Creek Beach Club have started a historic committee to make a film about the Town of Juno Beach. He stated that right now it is in the infancy stage.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Greene questioned if Frenchman's would be funding this project.

Town Manager Lo Bello stated that right now they are helping with the filming of events and sites around Town.

Finance Director Pazanski stated that they are trying to get as much as they can on film in the next 3 months and as Mr. Lo Bello stated, this project is still in the beginning stage.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Greene stated that he has recommended a few people to the Civic Association to help get this started.

Councilmember Lyons questioned if they plan on selling this video.

Town Manager Lo Bello stated that this has been discussed.

Town Manager Lo Bello stated that the next Council meeting is scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the October meeting dates will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. **COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN ATTORNEY**

No Comments.

11. **COMMENTS FROM STAFF**

Chief Smith thanked Town Manager Lo Bello and Council for the reception for Major Fertig and stated that promoting him was the best thing for the Town.

Chief Smith stated that the department has made some arrests, specifically the Venezuelan team that were robbing homes all up and down South Florida.

Chief Smith stated that they are working with federal prosecutors regarding Café 777.

Chief Smith stated that everything is going in the right direction with the department and crime has been very low.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Greene questioned if the department was fully staffed.

Chief Smith stated that they are currently fully staffed, but added that they could be losing an officer to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

Town Manager Lo Bello stated that at the meeting he attended last Friday with the Florida League of Cities, they discussed the economy. He stated that one of the important items that was mentioned was that the County is reaching full employment. He stated that this can have a negative effect on government as it becomes harder to keep people in the public sector. Mr. Lo Bello also stated that on Monday, Jennifer Cote put in her resignation.

Councilmember Lyons questioned if the Town hired someone to fill Ms. Oliver's position.

Town Clerk Mutchnik stated that they have hired a new employee and she starts on Monday. Ms. Mutchnik stated that her name is Caitlin Copeland.

12. **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

Councilmember Lyons stated that he is happy to see the police cars around Town and believes it is helping slow drivers down.

Councilmember Lyons commended staff on the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Greene apologized for missing the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. He also commended staff for the celebration for Major Fertig.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Greene stated that he would like for Council to direct staff to move forward with a fundraising project for lighting up the royal palms.

*The consensus of the Council was to move forward with the project at no tax dollars.*

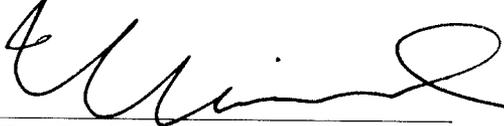
Town Manager Lo Bello stated that staff would begin researching this project.

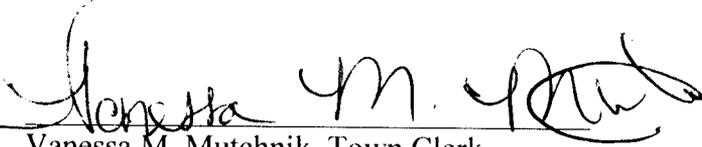
Mayor Levine suggested looking into possible available grants for this project.

Town Manager Lo Bello stated that they would.

Mayor Levine commended staff on the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony and added it was a wonderful event.

13. **ADJOURNMENT – 6:32 PM**  
Mayor Levine adjourned the meeting at 6:32 PM

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mort Levine, Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Vanessa M. Mutchnik, Town Clerk