

Agenda Item No. C - 1

VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
Agenda Item Summary

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the minutes of the Council Regular Meeting of October 17, 2024.

ISSUE: It is necessary for Village Council to approve all Village Council meeting minutes.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to Approve

Initiator	Village Manager Approval	Agenda Date	Village Council Action
Village Clerk		11/21/24	

**VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH
MINUTES OF COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

Ways to Participate

- In Person: Public may participate in person at the Village Council Chambers, 1050 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411.
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Jeff Hmara
Councilwoman Selena Samios
Councilwoman Jan Rodusky
Councilman Richard Valuntas

All members of the Council were present along with the Village Manager, Village Attorney (Mitty Barnard) and the Village Clerk. Vice Mayor Hmara noted that the Mayor’s seat remains vacant as a result of Mayor Pinto’s passing.

REPORTS

Councilwoman Rodusky reported that Palm Beach County League of Cities will be hosting an Ethics Training Session at the City of Lake Worth on October 31st from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. She announced her participation in the Florida League of Cities Utilities, Natural Resources and Public Works committee reporting that meeting discussions were held on the Utility Enterprise Funds Transfers and Restrictions to extra territorial surcharges, state parks, comprehensive waste and recycling plan. She announced that she has been appointed to the Florida League of Cities Federal Action Strike Team which shapes federal and municipal policies. The National League of Cities Annual Conference “100” years celebration will be held in Tampa and reviewed the agenda and top issues. Councilwoman Rodusky stated that “Read for the Record” will be held on the October 24th. She confirmed that the 5th Annual Shakespeare Festival will take place January 30 – February 2, 2025 at Commons Park and the play will be “*As you like it*”.

Councilman Valuntas reminded everyone that Tuesday, November 5th is Election Day.

Councilwoman Samios thanked staff for their efforts after the past two hurricanes. She announced a Food Truck/Concert at Commons Park will be held on Friday featuring “Live in Technicolor”, which is a Coldplay Tribute Band. A Senior Halloween Party will be held on October 31st at the Recreation Department for a fee of \$10.00, the Veterans Day celebration is at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 11th at the Cultural Center and the RPB Community Band will be performing at the Cultural Center on October 29th at 7:00 p.m. She

reported that through the Parks and Recreation department three grants of \$200,000 each have been requested for 1) Commons Park All Play addition, 2) Preservation Park and 3) Katz Soccer Complex. She thanked Indian Trail Improvement District and Congressman Brian Mast for visiting the area affected by Hurricane Milton. She made a recommendation to direct staff to coordinate with FEMA to use one of our facility as a temporary site to help the Western Communities. The Village Manager responded that he has been in contact with Mary Blakeney, Director of the Palm Beach County Emergency Management and will provide the David B. Farber building free of charge for 30 days.

Vice Mayor Hmara reported on Hurricane Milton damage and sent thoughts and prayers to the residents of Wellington, Loxahatchee Groves, Acreage and Palm Beach Gardens. He reported on the Education Advisory Board meeting where Cypress Trails Elementary School was showcased. At that meeting, the students reported on the Ron Clark Academy House System. It was also noted that they have been a Title 1 School with an A-rating for the past 7 consecutive years. He announced that he has been appointed to the Florida League of Cities Intergovernmental Relations Mobility and Emergency Management committee, which relates to transportation and gas tax revenue. Vice Mayor Hmara reported on the Countywide Transportation Plan initiatives where he sits on the Executive Committee and Councilwoman Rodusky is a member of the Issues Forum where they will be working together to move this initiative forward. He also announced that Mayor Pinto's internment will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 18th at the South Florida National Cemetery.

PETITIONS – None

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON AGENDA ITEMS OR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Trevor Darlington of 119 Sycamore Street submitted additional information to the Council and Village Manager in order to address his drainage issue.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Village Clerk read into the record the Consent Agenda as follows:

- 1. Approval of the minutes of the First Public Budget Hearing of September 12, 2024, Final Public Budget Hearing of September 19, 2024 and Council Regular Meeting of September 19, 2024. (Village Clerk)**
- 2. Approval and authorization for the Village Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement renewal for Lobbyist Services with Ronald L. Book, P.A. (Village Manager)**
- 3. Approval and authorization for the Village Manager to execute the “Consent to Assignment of Agreement” in order to assign the current Agreement with 1st Fire & Security, Inc. to Summit Fire & Security, LLC in accordance with Section 12 of the Agreement. (Public Works Director)**

4. **Approval and authorization for the Village Manager to execute the “Second Addendum to Agreement for Security and Fire Alarm Monitoring/Inspection and Service Labor” in order to extend the current Agreement with Summit Fire & Security, LLC pursuant to Section 1 of the Agreement and reflect the CPU-U price increase in accordance with Section 4 of the Agreement. (Public Works Director)**
5. **Authorization to reject all bids received and opened at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2024, for License Plate Recognition (“LPR”) Systems Maintenance and Support. (Information Systems Director)**
6. **Authorization to reject all bids received and opened at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2024, for Surveillance Camera Systems Maintenance and Support. (Information Systems Director)**
7. **Adoption of Resolution 24-25. A resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing, in accordance with established policy, the making of a budget amendment for Fund 401 in the fiscal year 2024/2025 Budget. Said amendment to transfer a total of \$509,475 from Fund 401 Undesignated Fund Balance to WTP Site Modification (PW1902). (Finance Director)**
8. **Approval and authorization for the Village Manager to enter into a contract with Total Wrecking & Environmental, LLC, the lowest responsible, responsive bidder for the demolition of the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Site Modifications project, CIP PW1902 in an amount not to exceed \$1,033,448.00 and 75 days to substantially complete the work. (Public Works Director)**
9. **Requesting correction of a scrivener’s error in the previously approved bid award amount to reflect the correct amount of \$306,000.00 as reflected in the contract executed by the Village Manager with Johnson-Davis Inc., the highest ranked bidder for Sycamore Drainage Repair project. Funds to come from the Sycamore Drainage Repair project, Project Number SW2401. (Village Engineer)**
10. **Approval of a special event permit for Mission BBQ Company to hold a “Veterans Day Celebration Honoring our Local Heroes: PBC Sheriff’s Office, PBC Fire and Rescue; and active duty military and veterans” at a Mission BBQ Restaurant located at 11929 Southern Boulevard. The event will take place during business hours on November 11, 2024. (P & Z Director)**
11. **Authorization for the Village Manager to execute the First Addendum to Agreement for Air Conditioning Monthly Maintenance Services with Horizon Air Conditioning, Inc. to extend the**

agreement for the first one-year renewal period and reflect a 3% price increase. The adjusted annual amount of the Agreement for FY25 is \$87,335.76. Funding for the A/C Monthly Maintenance is budgeted in the FY25 Public Works Operating Budget. (Director of Public Works)

- 12. Authorization for the Village Manager to execute the First Addendum to the Agreement for Aquatic Vegetation Maintenance Services with Aquatic Vegetation Control, Inc. to extend for the final one-year renewal period under the existing terms. Funding for the Agreement for Aquatic Vegetation Maintenance Services is budgeted in the Stormwater Utility fund. (Director of Public Works)**
- 13. Authorization for the Village Manager to execute the First Addendum to the Agreement for Village Hall Custodial Services with Clean Space, Inc. to extend for the first one-year renewal period under the existing terms. Funding for the Agreement for Custodial Services is budgeted in the Public Works operating budget. (Director of Public Works)**
- 14. Authorization for the Village Manager to execute the Second Addendum to Agreement for Roadway Grounds Maintenance Service with Epicurean Park, LLC, dba Nex Era Services to extend the agreement for the second one-year renewal period and reflect a 3% price increase. The adjusted annual amount of the Agreement for FY25 is \$433,659.22. Funding for Roadway Grounds Maintenance is budgeted in the FY25 Public Works Operating Budget. (Director of Public Works)**

Councilwoman Samios made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilwoman Rodusky. Hearing no discussion, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Public hearing and first reading to consider Ordinance No. 1053, providing for the Village of Royal Palm Beach's continued inclusion in the Palm Beach County Fire/Rescue Municipal Service Taxing Unit ("MSTU") for the provision of fire protection, fire rescue, advanced life support (or similar emergency services), fire code enforcement and other necessary and incidental services. (Village Attorney)**

The Village Attorney read into the record Ordinance No. 1053 by title only. The Village Manager explained the merger with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue occurred in 1998 and in 2005, the Village entered into a MSTU agreement. If approved, this will be the third 10-year agreement. He said the Village is pleased with their service and glad to have them on our team. Vice Mayor Hmara acknowledged the shared commitment and expressed gratitude towards Chief Patrick Kennedy and his staff.

Chief Patrick Kennedy thanked the Council for their trust as well as recognized Chief Amanda Vomero, Battalion 2 who has been in the Village for the past 1 ½ years. Chief Vomero also thanked the Council and looked forward to the next 10 years as well.

The entire Council thanked Palm Beach County Fire Rescue for their dedication and service to our residents.

After confirming with the Village Clerk and the Village Manager there were no public comments, Vice Mayor Hmara closed public comment with no response.

Mrs. Donielle Pinto, Mayor Fred Pinto's wife thanked everyone for their assistance during this very difficult time.

Councilwoman Samios made a motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Valuntas. Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4-0.

2. Public hearing to consider Application No. 24-035 (SE), an application by Urban Design Studio, and adoption of Resolution No. 24-11 confirming Council action. The applicant is seeking a Special Exception Use approval to allow for a 58,731 square foot "Integrated Care Center" within an existing building situated within the General Commercial (CG) zoning district; for a property located at 450 S. State Road 7. * (Director of P & Z)

This was quasi-judicial and the Village Attorney (Mitty Barnard) swore in all who will speak on this item and asked for ex-parte disclosures. The Director of P & Z stated the applicant is seeking a Special Exception use for an Integrated Care Center with medical offices. He reviewed the proposed special exception policies and standards noting there is no adverse impacts on surrounding properties. Staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval.

Lentzy Jean-Louis, Urban Design Studio, on behalf of Baptist Health South Florida, Inc. explained their requests, location and noted this is within an existing PCD site plan. He noted the access is existing to the property and the primary access will be off State Road 7 and have internal access to the Royal Office Park to the north as well as the Shoppes at Isle of Verde, which is located in the Village of Wellington jurisdiction. He said the proposed site is an adapted reuse and rehab of the Toys' R Us facility increasing the building square footage by 390 square feet dedicated to two entry vestibules, one for the medical office portion and one for the off-campus emergency department. Also proposed is a 12' westerly shift of the drive aisle to accommodate the necessary drop-off and pick-up for the emergency component. He reported on approvals from the Village of Wellington for the proposed trash enclosures, additional sidewalk as well as TPS approval, which meets traffic performance standards. He reviewed the supplemental regulations noting that the site plan complies with all requirements. He noted that emergency vehicles will not occupy provided parking spaces and emergency vehicles sirens will be prohibited on site. He showed five parking spaces along the north end of the building for emergency

vehicles and noted those spaces have not been provided in the parking count. The emergency department component will consist of 18 beds, emergency access. He reviewed the site data as well as parking data, showed the building elevations, and discussed the proposed Art in Public Places requirement.

After confirming with the Village Clerk and the Village Manager there were no public comments, Vice Mayor Hmara closed public comment with no response.

Vice Mayor Hmara stated concerns about lights and noise with the emergency vehicles. Mr. Lentz confirmed this special exception use limits the use of sirens on site.

Vicki Lewis, representing Baptist Health was sworn in by the Village Attorney and explained how and when a patient would be transported to the nearest hospital in an emergency and that the patient would have a choice according to their condition. She explained why patients would want to go to a care center first, noting the emergency volumes and wait times. This facility would service efficiently with the diagnostic equipment on site for any emergency room needs.

Councilman Valuntas made a motion to approve; seconded by Councilwoman Rodusky. Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4-0.

3. Public hearing to consider Variance Application No. 24-038 (VAR), an application by Urban Design Studio, to allow a variance from Sec. 26-73 (c)(13)b. Building Perimeter Plantings. to allow for a reduction in the Village Code required 5,873 square feet of building perimeter plantings to 3,206 square feet of building perimeter planting for a variance of 2,667 square feet, for a property located at 450 S. State Road 7. * (Director of P & Z)

The Village Attorney confirmed the applicant has been sworn in and asked for ex-parte communication. The Director of P & Z reviewed the criteria for granting a variance, showed the property lines between the Village and the Village of Wellington noting given the aggregate of the square footage in both Village's this exceeds the code requirements for building perimeter plantings. Staff and P & Z Commission recommended approval.

After confirming with the Village Clerk and the Village Manager there were no public comments, Vice Mayor Hmara closed public comment with no response.

Lentzy Jean-Louis, Urban Design Studio, on behalf of Baptist Health South Florida, Inc. explained the existing variance approval to this site.

Councilman Valuntas made a motion to approve; seconded by Councilwoman Samios. Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4-0.

4. Public hearing to consider Variance Application No. 24-101 (VAR), an application by Urban Design Studio, to allow a variance from Sec. 22-51 (b)12.e. Parking Facility Design Standards. to allow for a

reduction in the required 25 foot drive aisle for three (3) drive aisles ranging from 1 foot to 0.6 feet, for a property located at 450 S. State Road 7. * (Director of P & Z)

The Village Attorney again confirmed the applicant has been sworn in and asked for ex-parte disclosures. The Director of P & Z reviewed the variance to reduce the width for three drive aisles from the required 25'. The applicant is proposing 24' wide drive aisles noting the reduced widths are a result of construction and an existing condition when built out. Staff and the P & Z Commission recommended approval.

Lentzy Jean-Louis, Urban Design Studio, on behalf of Baptist Health South Florida, Inc. added these are construction errors and an inherited condition.

After confirming with the Village Clerk and the Village Manager there were no public comments, Vice Mayor Hmara closed public comment with no response.

Councilwoman Rodusky made a motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Valuntas. Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4-0.

5. Public hearing to consider Variance Application No. 24-039 (SVAR), an application by Urban Design Studio, requesting sign variances from various sections of Chapter 20 to allow a larger monument sign; additional wayfinding signs; more than one wall sign on the front façade; wall signage on a building façade not allowed by code; increased square footages for five directional signs; and a larger cabinet sign, for a property located at 450 S. State Road 7. * (Director of P & Z)

The Village Attorney confirmed the applicant has been sworn in and asked for ex-parte disclosures. The Director of P & Z reviewed the request by the applicant for 10 deviations from the sign code and reviewed the requests that includes:

1. Sec. 20-60(1)a. to allow a 10'6", 63 sf entry feature sign where Village Code allows a maximum of 7' and 42 sf;
2. Sec. 20-60(1)e. to allow for six (6) wayfinding signs where Village Code allows four (4) total;
3. Sec. 20-60(4)a. to allow for three (3) wall signs on the building where Village Code allows only one (1) wall sign;
4. Sec. 20-60(4)a.1. to allow for side wall signage on a corner building to face the exterior of the planned development on the south façade where Village Code requires side wall signage to face the interior of the planned development;
5. Sec. 20-60(4)f. to allow for an 11.6 sf sign area for the front façade emergency entrance directional sign where Village Code limits to 2 sf;
6. Sec. 20-60(4)f. to allow for an 14 sf sign area for the front façade medical offices directional sign where Village Code limits to 2 sf;
7. Sec. 20-60(4)f. to allow for a 5.6 sf sign area for the north façade ambulance entrance only directional sign where Village Code limits to 2 sf;

8. Sec. 20-60(4)f. to allow for a 10'8" high, 10.6 sf sign area for the north façade emergency entrance directional sign where Village Code limits to 2' height and 2 sf; and
9. Sec. Sec. 20-60(4)f. to allow for four (4) directional signs where Village Code limits to 2 total; and 10) Sec. 20-95(e) to allow for a 53.7 sf cabinet sign where Village Code allows only 10 sf. The property is situated within the Royal Palm Toys – Royal Office Park and located at 450 S. State Road 7.

The Director of P & Z reviewed the criteria for granting a variance and recommended denial. The P & Z Commission recommended approval. He also reported on the previous sign variance received by the Toys R Us and how the applicant worked with staff to reduce their sign variance requests.

Lentzy Jean-Louis, Urban Design Studio, on behalf of Baptist Health South Florida, Inc. reviewed the key map for the signage variances, reported on the access for the site as well as the different medical office components of this site, reviewed all ten of the variance requests and explained the reasoning for the ten sign variance requests.

After confirming with the Village Clerk and the Village Manager there were no public comments, Vice Mayor Hmara closed public comment with no response.

A lengthy discussion ensued along with questions and various suggested changes by the Council.

Ken Tuma, Land Planner of Urban Design Studio, representing Baptist Health was also sworn in and gave testimony on the proposed variances.

After further discussion, the Village Attorney clarified each revised variance request which was agreed to by the applicant as follows:

- 1) Sec. 20-60(1)a. to allow a 10'6", 63 sf entry feature sign where Village Code allows a maximum of 7' and 42 sf (with applicant placing address numbers on front and both sides of sign);
- 2) Sec. 20-60(1)e. to allow for five (5) wayfinding signs where Village Code limits to four (4) total;
- 3) Sec. 20-60(4)a. to allow for three (3) wall signs on the building where Village Code limits to one (1) wall sign;
- 4) Sec. 20-60(4)f. to allow for a 5.8 sf (7' x 10") sign area for the front façade emergency entrance directional sign reading "Emergency" where Village Code limits to 2 sf;
- 5) Sec. 20-60(4)f. to allow for an 14 sf sign area for the front façade medical offices directional sign where Village Code limits to 2 sf;
- 6) Sec. 20-60(4)f. to allow for a 5.6 sf sign area for the north façade reading "Ambulance entrance only" directional sign where Village Code limits to 2 sf;
- 7) Sec. 20-60(4)f. to allow for three (3) directional signs where Village Code limits to 2 total; and
- 8) Sec. 20-95(e) to allow for a 53.7 sf cabinet sign where Village Code allows only 10 sf.

Councilman Valuntas made a motion to approve the eight variances and two withdrawals by the applicant as stated by the Village Attorney; seconded by Councilwoman Rodusky. Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4-0.

6. Public hearing to consider Application No. 24-034 (SPM, AAR) an application by Urban Design Studio, and adoption of Resolution No.

24-10 confirming Council action. The applicant is seeking Site Plan Modification and Architectural Approval for an existing 58,341 square foot retail building, for a property located at 450 S. State Road 7. Agent: Lentzy Jean-Louis of Urban Design Studio. * (Director of P & Z)

The Village Attorney confirmed the applicant has been sworn in and asked for ex-parte disclosures. The Director of P & Z stated the applicant is seeking a site plan modification and architectural approval to rehabilitate and reuse the existing 58,341 square foot retail building, with a 390 square foot addition to be used as an Integrated Medical Center with allocated medical office uses. The applicant is also requesting Architectural approval for the building architecture, color, materials and landscape plan. The Director reported that 27,313 square feet would be dedicated to the hospital based off-campus emergency department component, while 31,418 square feet will be allocated for medical office use. The project also includes reconfiguring the parking area, landscaping improvements and art in public places. Staff recommended approval with two additional conditions of approval 1) prior to the issuance of the first building permit, the applicant is required to make a contribution to the tree bank in the amount of \$14,700 and; 2) art in public places requirement is 1% of the total vertical construction costs for the first \$25,000,000 which is a \$250,000 contribution. The P & Z Commission recommended approval.

Lentzy Jean-Louis, Urban Design Studio, on behalf of Baptist Health South Florida, Inc. was available for any questions.

After confirming with the Village Clerk and the Village Manager there were no public comments, Vice Mayor Hmara closed public comment with no response.

Councilwoman Samios clarified the tree fund requirement and questioned if there will be removal of trees.

The Village Attorney swore in Robert Dinsmore, Landscape Architect, Urban Design Studio representing Baptist Health explained the tree fund payment is confirming the removal of 8-9 Royal Palms being impacted by the relocation of the driveway and the proposal to replace with native material.

The Village Attorney referred back to the Council action on the prior item noted a condition of approval will be added “that the applicant revise all documents so the architectural approval includes the signage” in order to be consist with the sign variance approval.

Councilwoman Samios made a motion to approve with all documents to be updated as stated by the Village Attorney; seconded by Councilman Valuntas. Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4-0.

- 7. Public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 1050 on first reading, amending Village code Chapter 22. Subdivision of Land. at various sections within Articles I through III to comply with Section**

177.073, Florida Statutes (“expedited approval of residential building permits before a final plat is recorded”). (Village Engineer)

The Village Attorney read into the record Ordinance No. 1050 by title only. The Village Attorney stated this is in direct response to Senate Bill 812 effective October 1, 2024. This ordinance is moving some of the final plat requirements to the preliminary plat approval. She further explained that state law now requires an expedited process whereby building permits can be issued up to a certain percentage prior to final plat approval. She stated this ordinance will conform with the state law.

After confirming with the Village Clerk and the Village Manager there were no public comments, Vice Mayor Hmara closed public comment with no response.

Councilwoman Rodusky made a motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Valuntas. Hearing no discussion, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4-0.

8. Appointment of one (1) Councilmember as a primary member and one (1) Councilmember as an alternate member to Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA). (Village Manager)

The Village Manager stated that Mayor Pinto was the primary member and Vice Mayor Hmara was the alternate member of the TPA and asked for new appointments. Vice Mayor Hmara requested appointment as the primary member.

Councilwoman Rodusky made a motion to appoint Jeff Hmara as the primary member to the TPA; seconded by Councilman Valuntas. Hearing no discussion or public comment, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4 - 0.

Councilwoman Samios made a motion to appoint Councilman Valuntas as the alternate member to the TPA; seconded by Councilwoman Rodusky. Hearing no discussion or public comment, Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4 - 0.

9. Appointment of Mayor and adoption of Resolution No. 24-23 confirming Council’s action.

The Village Manager explained that Council directed staff to present this resolution at a Special Council Meeting on October 10, 2024 which was cancelled due to Hurricane Milton, therefore the item was placed on this agenda.

Vice Mayor Hmara opened public comment.

Judith Kohler of 138 Royal Pine Circle West urged the Council to move forward with the appointment of Vice Mayor Jeff Hmara as Mayor to allow for a vacant seat and to allow the residents to vote for the Council seat at the March 11, 2025 Municipal Election.

Chuck Loomis of 1734 Annandale Circle also urged the Council to move forward with appointment of a Mayor in order to allow the residents to vote on an empty Council seat as opposed to the Council appointing someone.

Vice Mayor Hmara closed public comment with no further response.

Councilman Valuntas reported on conversations with the residents and felt the most reasonable course of action is to appoint a Mayor and allow the residents to vote on the empty seat.

Councilwoman Rodusky also reported on conversations held with residents and she agreed on the need to appoint the Vice Mayor as Mayor.

Councilman Valuntas made a motion to appoint Vice Mayor Jeff Hmara as Mayor; seconded by Councilwoman Rodusky. Councilwoman Samios commented that she understood the viewpoint of the residents to appoint a Mayor; however, did announced that she too planned on running for Mayor and suggested having all five seats open for the March 2025 election. Discussion ensued involving another process where an appointment of two seats could be made in order to have all seats up for election in March 2025. However, given the motion and second on the table, the Village Attorney confirmed the need to vote on the motion and second prior to proceeding with anything further. Vice Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 3 – 1 with Councilwoman Samios dissenting.

Councilman Valuntas commented on the vacancy in the Group #1 and requested clarification from the Village Attorney on filling the vacancy. As part of the discussion, it was that should the Council choose to have all five seats open for the March 2025 election, Councilwoman Samios could resign her seat effective immediately and be appointed into the open Group #1 seat which would result in her current Group #3 seat being vacant and on the March 11, 2025 ballot. The Village Attorney clarified that to effectuate that, Councilwoman Samios would have to resign immediately from the Group #3 and step down from the dais before being appointed into the vacant Group #1 seat.

After further clarification on the resign to run law from the Village Manager and the Village Attorney, Councilwoman Samios stated she did not support Council appointment to fill vacancies and resigned immediately from Group #3, leaving the dais immediately thereafter.

Councilman Valuntas then made a motion to appoint Selena Samios to Council Group #1 that is currently vacant and approve Resolution No. 24-26; seconded by Councilwoman Rodusky. Mayor Hmara put the motion to a vote and it passed 4 – 0.

The Village Clerk officiated the Oath of Office for Jeff Hmara as Mayor.

The Village Clerk officiated the Oath of Office for Selena Samios as Council Group #1.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jeff Hmara

Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk