

**VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH  
MINUTES OF COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
VILLAGE MEETING HALL  
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008  
7:00 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor David A. Lodwick  
Vice Mayor Fred Pinto  
Councilman David Swift  
Councilman Matty Mattioli  
Councilwoman Martha Webster

All members of Council were present along with the Village Manager, Village Attorney and Village Clerk.

**PRESENTATION OF 20 YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO FRANK REED  
PRESENTATION OF 15 YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO LONNIE  
GANNETT**

Mayor Lodwick presented the service awards acknowledging their work history and thanking them for their loyal years of service to the Village.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO THE  
VILLAGE'S JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> SPONSORS**

This item has been postponed to the Council Regular Meeting of August 21, 2008.

**PRESENTATION OF AWARD BY THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY FOR  
RECYCLING PARTICIPATION**

Susan Chapman, Public Relations Outreach Coordinator, presented the award and thanked the Village and its residents for their participation in the recycling program. She reported that last year 108,000 tons of material had been recycled.

**REPORTS**

Mayor Lodwick 1) reported on the Family Circle magazine article naming Royal Palm Beach as one of the top ten cities for raising a family. He added that the honor is due to the efforts of the entire community over the course of many years.

Vice Mayor Pinto agreed and stated that every citizen should be proud.

Councilwoman Webster also agreed with the Mayor's comments regarding the Family Circle article. She reported that she attended County Commissioner Santamaria's forum which was very informative regarding the County's budget and taxes. She also noted that she had been selected as an alternate member of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and will be attending her first meeting on Friday.

Councilman Mattioli also reported that he attended the County Commissioner's forum regarding the County budget. He noted that Commissioner Santamaria stated that six out of seven County Commissioners support the Roebuck Road project and that the roadway is funded. He also reported on the ½ cent sales tax committee meeting regarding schools and stated the \$560 million dollars that was projected in the amendment will not be achieved; however, a one year extension is allowed and will be exercised. He also reported that all projects not completed in 2008 will be at the top of the list in 2009. He added that there will be three new schools opening in 2008, five moderations, six additions, and two renovations. The following schools will be opening in 2008: Sunset Palms Elementary in western Boynton Beach, Pine Jog Elementary in Greenacres, and Marsh Point Elementary in Palm Beach Gardens. There are no new schools proposed in Royal Palm Beach. A discussion ensued with regard to the decline in the number of students. Mayor Lodwick also asked about the improvements at Cypress Trail Elementary. Councilman Mattioli replied that it was not proposed on the last list, but is proposed in 2009. He also added that all future schools built will be green.

The Village Manager reported that the Palm Beach County representative will be present at the August 21, 2008 to make a presentation on Roebuck Road.

**PETITIONS - None**

#### **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Shenov Raghuraj, resident, opposed the budget cuts proposed with the elimination of a Code Enforcement officer. He also stated his concerns regarding fee increases in the Recreational programs applying to lighting and use fees. He felt that the new fees of \$100.00 per day are excessive and unacceptable.

Mayor Lodwick responded that the Director of Community Development has looked at the Code Enforcement staff changes and taking into consideration that new developments have homeowner's associations he feels there is adequate coverage for the Village. Mayor Lodwick also responded regarding the recreational sport programs noting that the

Village is fully supporting the activities during scheduled times along with some of the extra hours with regard to travel ball. He made clear that what is not being supported is all the travel ball hour and that historically, the travel programs have cost the Village approximately \$50,000 per year. Vice Mayor Pinto asked that the fees be revisited with regard to residents vs. non-residents. Councilman Swift agreed.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. **Approval and authorization for modification of the "Recreational Vehicle Parking Lease Agreement" to provide that only one vehicle per household may utilize a space at the lot. (Village Manager)**
2. **Tentative adoption of the proposed millage rate of 1.9700 and approval of scheduled public hearings on September 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and September 18, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Meeting Hall. (Finance Director)**
3. **Approval of a Special Event Permit Application for South Florida Parenting to hold an "Everyday Hero's" event at the sales center of Minto Communities Portosol on Saturday, July 26, 2008. (Senior Planner)**
4. **Adoption of Resolution No. 08-28. A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, amending the Village of Royal Palm Beach Pension Plan at Subsection 8.4(f) by adding a new sub-paragraph (4) to provide authorization in the plan for a transfer of up to the full amount of a participant's after-tax employee contribution account in order to purchase permissive service credit under the Florida Retirement System; providing an effective date; and for other purposes. (Finance Director)**

Vice Mayor Pinto made a motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Mattioli. Mayor Lodwick put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **The applicant is seeking Architectural Approval for a new church, multi-purpose center and day care center; located approximately 4,000 feet south of State Road 80 on the east side of State Road 7; Petition 03-10 (I)(AAR). Agent: Kevin McGinley, Land Research Management, Inc. (Senior Planner)**

The Senior Planner presented the item stating the applicant is seeking architectural approval to modify the proposed materials used for the finish of the exterior of the building. He showed that stucco will replace the split face block. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval on the architectural by a vote of 5 - 0. Staff is recommending approval.

Ken McGinley, Land Research Management, Inc., was present to answer any questions.

Councilman Mattioli made a motion to approve; seconded by Vice Mayor Pinto. Vice Mayor Pinto asked the Senior Planner if staff supported the change. The Senior Planner replied yes. Mr. McGinley stated phase one is presently under way and all construction phases are on schedule. Mayor Lodwick put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

- 2. Public hearing for approval of Application No. 03-04 (C) (SE) an application by Western Academy Charter School and adoption of Resolution No. 08-26 confirming Council action. The applicant is seeking Special Exception Use approval for a public or private academic institution located within the Royal Plaza South Shopping Center at 650 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard. Agent: Linda Terranova, Western Academy Charter School (Senior Planner)**

The Senior Planner showed the site of the school within the Royal Plaza South Shopping Center. He stated that the applicant is seeking Special Exception use approval to permit a Public or Private Academic Institution on the subject site which is located in the General Commercial Zoning district. The school is currently located to the east across Royal Plaza Road in the Royal Commerce Park. The school is seeking to expand into the bay which was formerly occupied by a gym within the Royal Plaza Shopping Center. Grades 3 - 8 are proposed to be located in the new location. The applicant has represented that no net increase of students will result from this expansion.

This was quasi-judicial and the Village Attorney swore in all who will speak.

The Senior Planner reiterated that the school is expanding the square footage only, not the number of students. He showed the traffic circulation of the school with the exit at Southern Boulevard. He stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval along with staff.

Linda Terranova, representative for Western Academy Charter School, reported that the school has completed their fifth year as a charter school in Palm Beach County. She stated that their enrollment is increasing not declining. She is asking for the additional 13,000 square feet in order to allow for bigger classrooms to be able to add to their program. She also reported that they are an "A" rated charter school and received a 10 year charter renewal from Palm Beach County.

Mayor Lodwick stated his concerns with the traffic flow in the afternoon with both schools.

Ms. Terranova replied there are no businesses in the rear of the shopping center except for a body shop. She explained the school has a split traffic plan and that the Ideal School will be opening a roadway onto Camellia Drive. She reported that the morning traffic does not affect the businesses because they are closed at that time and the afternoon traffic is dispersed within 10 - 15 minutes.

Mayor Lodwick asked the Senior Planner if he felt the traffic flow was sufficient and the Senior Planner replied he did.

Councilman Mattioli made a motion to approve; seconded by Vice Mayor Pinto. Councilman Swift had concerns with the children running through the parking lot at the shopping center. Ms. Terranova responded that the traffic flow for the students is off Camellia Drive (Seminole Palms Drive) and that only staff members will park in the shopping center lot. She explained the after care program which serves approximately 60 to 70 students with pick ups staggering between 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. She also added that the school starting time is at 8:00 a.m. and release time is 2:30 p.m. Councilman Swift asked that should there be a stacking issue in the future would the applicant work with staff to resolve it. Ms. Terranova consented. Councilwoman Webster confirmed that there is a single traffic flow lane. She asked if there are any recommendations that will help the traffic flow for both schools. The Village Manager responded that the Ideal school is required to make traffic improvements prior to the start of the school year. Ms. Terranova also added that the two schools have alternate start and dismissal times. Councilwoman Webster stated she thought it was a good use of the building and the property. Councilman Mattioli asked the applicant should there be a traffic problem in the future would she be willing to stagger the start and dismissal times. Ms. Terranova consented.

Bob Kuoppla, Kuoppla & Associates, (representing Western Academy Charter School) stated for the record, that the correct address for the school is 300 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard.

Councilman Mattioli amended his motion to approve to include the correct address of 300 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard. Councilman Swift seconded the motion. The Village Attorney read into the record Resolution No. 08-26 by title only with the corrected address. Mayor Lodwick put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

**3. Appointment of one resident to the Education Advisory Board. (Village Clerk)**

Vice Mayor Pinto recommended Deborah (Debbie) Still to be appointed and thanked the remaining candidates. Councilman Mattioli made a motion to appoint Deborah Still; seconded by Councilman Swift. Hearing no discussion of public comment, Mayor Lodwick put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

**4. Public hearing for consideration of the Public Art Feature for the recently approved CVS, located on the northwest corner of Okeechobee Boulevard and Royal Palm Beach Boulevard within the Village Royale Shopping Center. Agent: Neal A. Schofel, Architecture Dynamics, Inc. [This item will be postponed to a time certain of August 21, 2008] (Senior Planner)**

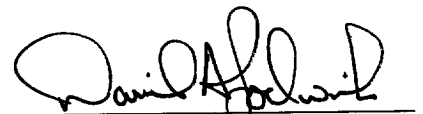
The Village Manager asked that this item be postponed to a time certain of August 21, 2008 in order to allow more time for the architect to submit his plan.

Councilman Mattioli made a motion to approve; seconded by Vice Mayor Pinto. Hearing no discussion or public comment, Mayor Lodwick put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

Councilman Swift asked that an item be added to the budget in order to fund the Earth Day celebrations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

  
**Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk**

  
**Mayor David A. Lodwick**