

**VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH  
MINUTES OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
VILLAGE MEETING HALL  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2008  
7:00 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were the Village Manager, the Village Attorney and the Village Clerk.

**PRESENTATION OF 25 YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO JOEL CASE**

Mr. Case was unable to attend and will be presented his service award at the next regular Council meeting.

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION - ELECTION NOTICE**

Mark Pafford, Florida House District #88-elect, introduced himself to the Council and residents, and explained that the Village is split into two districts which he represents District #88. He stated the other District representing Royal Palm Beach is House District #85. He announced that his office is located at 2240 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, West Palm Beach, and his phone number is 561-682-0156. He stated he is honored and humbled to represent the residents of the Village.

**REPORTS**

Mayor Lodwick 1) congratulated the Royal Palm Beach High School football team on winning round two of the playoffs in Vero Beach last week. He invited everyone to attend the Friday night Regional Championship game at 7:30 p.m. at Royal Palm Beach High School with Orlando Boone; 2) invited everyone to attend the Annual Holiday Festival of Lights on Monday, December 8, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at Veterans Park. Mayor Lodwick also acknowledged and congratulated Trela White, Esq. as the winner of the City Attorney of the Year by the Florida League of Cities.

There were no other reports.

**PETITIONS - None**

**STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Pastor Michael Rose, Royal Palm Covenant Church introduced his wife Carolyn, co-Pastor of the church and asked that members of the church to join him for the presentation. He thanked the Council along with Captain Araujo of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office with their partnership in the community. Pastor Rose introduced the following members of the church, Minister Gesner Mezy who is a new Haitian Minister at the church, Trishanna Gifford, Dawn Blake, Perry McIntyre, Gerard Charles and Attorney Aubin Robinson.

Trishanna read a thank you letter into the record thanking Captain Araujo for his partnership with the church along with his efforts at the recent 2008 Youth Explosion Event held. Pastor Rose also acknowledged the Sheriff's department on their participation with the recent food drive distributing 235 Thanksgiving baskets to needy families. Captain Araujo thanked the Pastor and the officers that participated and encouraged everyone to donate to the food pantry. Mayor Lodwick also thanked the Pastor and church for their efforts within the community.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. **Adoption of Resolution No. 08-52. Approval and adoption of Resolution No. 08-52 appointing the Supervisor of Elections or designee to represent Royal Palm Beach as member of canvassing board to canvass all absentee ballots and the municipal election on March 10, 2009. (Village Clerk)**
2. **Approval of a Special Event Permit for Ideal Dream School to hold a flea market garage sale at 400 Royal Commerce Road on December 6, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Senior Planner)**
3. **Approval of a Special Event Permit for Joseph's Classic Market to hold a catering event to promote their business at 10479 Southern Boulevard on December 6, 2008 from 12:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m. (Senior Planner)**
4. **Approval of a Special Event Permit for the Village of Royal Palm Beach to hold its annual "Festival of Lights" at Veterans Park on December 8, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. (Senior Planner)**

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

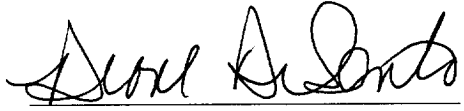
## **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 1. Public hearing to consider the Variance Petition of the Village Golf Club by Agent, Dan Pesant and approval of Variance Order No. VC-08-17 to allow for a 42 square foot "Temporary Grand Opening Sign" to be displayed over an existing monument sign where Village Code at Section 20-72 allows only a maximum 32 square feet for "Temporary Grant Opening Signs" and such signs must be displayed on a marquee, exterior wall, column, or parapet of the subject business. (Senior Planner)**

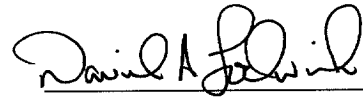
This was quasi-judicial and the Village Attorney swore in all who will speak on this issue. The Senior Planner stated the applicant is requesting a variance from the provisions of Village Code Section 20-72 to allow for the installation of a 42 square foot "Temporary grand opening sign" over an existing monument sign located along Okeechobee Boulevard. The Village Code Section 20-72 allows a maximum of 32 square feet for "Temporary grand opening signs" and such signage is required to be displayed from a marquee or on an exterior wall, column, or parapet of the building for the subject business. The Senior Planner commented that the applicant stated that the sign will be to advertise the opening of the new club house and because of the clubhouse location the applicant contends that the sign would not be visible to the general public. The existing monument sign on which the temporary grand opening sign will be displayed does meet the Village code. The sign permit will expire in 30 days. Staff is recommending approval of this variance.

Councilman Mattioli made a motion to approve; seconded by Vice Mayor Pinto. Vice Mayor Pinto asked what the basis is for the Senior Planner's recommendation. The Senior Planner responded stating there are special circumstances that do exist and since the clubhouse is opening and away from a right-of-way and general public, he is recommending approval. Councilman Swift agreed and stated he would like to do anything to help. Mayor Lodwick also agreed and stated he felt this was a fair balance and wished the golf course the best of luck. Hearing no further discussion or public comment, Mayor Lodwick put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**



Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk



Mayor David A. Lodwick

**AFTER THE MEETING COUNCILMAN DAVID SWIFT REQUESTED  
THE ATTACHED LETTER BE PLACED INTO THE RECORD.**

*Mayor, Council,  
V.M. Ray Higgins*

To: Village of Royal Palm Beach  
Mayor  
Village Council

Date: December 3, 2008

From: Robert S. Haine, Village Resident  
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Subject: Roundabout - LaMancha Ave. and Bilbao Street

Now that the Roundabout is near completion at the intersection of LaMancha Ave. and Bilbao Street, and after observing traffic flow for a couple weeks, I request the Village to make the following changes.

Reinstall the STOP sign on LaMancha Ave. After interviewing residents of LaMancha who regularly exit the LaMancha development, they are more than pleased now to drive down a wider than normal street and be able navigate an intersection without stopping. Of course at the expense to the Village of "looking beautiful," excessive speed is now more than noticeable during heavy traffic volumes. Roundabouts are intended to calm or slow down traffic while maintaining continuous flow. That really bothers drivers who live in LaMancha. The Roundabout has now become a complete waste of concrete and reflectors to the Village. Drivers do not want to slow down for them. Nor, do they want to stop after proceeding through it to let some resident exit their driveway. Motorists don't understand "right of way" or "how to yield" and that is an education issue as well as a "personal heart issue." Talk to the Deputies of PBSO that write tickets sitting in front of my house. This issue has already been followed up with Lt. Coleman by Councilman Swift.

Add Traffic Rumble Strips to the intersection, specifically on the west side of the Roundabout. These are visual, audible and physical alerts for a driver's attention to slow down. I understand the noise factor, but this is no louder than the speeding traffic that proceeds between LaMancha Ave. and Barcelona. There is noticeable acceleration through the Roundabout. I spent one morning watching cars proceed down LaMancha Ave. and it is evident that they do not slow down nor do they have any plans on yielding. Once through the intersection a car that is attempting to enter or exit a driveway to them has the appearance of the interruption of traffic flow.

*Diane:  
Please distribute to  
Village Manager, Mayor  
and Council. Thanks.  
D. Swift*