



**MINUTES,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
226 CYPRESS LANE
VILLAGE OF PALM SPRINGS, FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 13, 2025 AT 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bev Smith called the Village Council Regular Meeting to order at 6:57 PM
(Immediately following the Council Workshop).

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Bev Smith, Vice Mayor Patti Waller, Mayor Pro Kim Schmitz, Council Member Joni Brinkman, and Council Member Gary M. Ready

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager Michael Bornstein, Village Attorney Christy Goddeau, Village Clerk Kimberly M. Wynn, Assistant Village Manager Kim Glas-Castro, Police Chief Tom Ceccarelli, as Sergeant-In-Arms, Planning, Zoning, and Building Director Iramis Cabrera, Utilities Director Jimmie Johnson, Assistant Utilities Director Paul Ward, Public Works Director Felipe Lofaso, Assistant Public Works Director Timothy Crespo, Finance/IT Director Mara Frederiksen, Records Clerk Andrea Medero, Procurement Manager Sylvia Ward, and Staff Assistant Maria Izzo.

INVOCATION

The Village Manager, Mr. Bornstein, started the Invocation with a moment of silence in honor of Former Mayor Hoaglund wife passing, Mrs. Cheryl Hoaglund. He then led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR MODIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no Additions, Deletions, or Modifications to the agenda.

Council Member Ready made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Vice Mayor Waller seconded the motion. The said motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of January 9, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes:**
Motion for the approval of January 9, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
Staff: Kimberly Wynn, Village Clerk
2. **Resolution No. 2025-16 Support Legislation to Exempt Municipal Clerks and Employees from Public Records:** Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-16,

urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation to provide a public records exemption for municipal clerks and employees who perform municipal election work or have any part in the code enforcement functions of a municipality.

Staff: Kimberly Wynn, Village Clerk

SUMMARY: As a result of their duties, municipal employees may be subject to threats and other forms of violence, including investigations into election fraud complaints, legal enforcement of neglect or abuse hearings, or other activities that may result in criminal prosecution.

It is common for municipal clerks to administer elections. Due to the nature of the materials, they are responsible for, some election workers have been targeted for threats and violence. It is common for clerks to be involved in legal proceedings about violations of city codes and ordinances, which can lead to retaliation and threats from defendants. Florida currently has 27 public record exemptions. Among these exemptions, eight (8) pertain to local personnel who investigate, enforce, or otherwise provide a service that may result in contentious interactions, such as municipal clerks and their staffs.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact.

3. **Resolution No. 2025-09 Local Option Gas Tax Interlocal Agreement:** Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-09, which seeks to establish an Interlocal Agreement with Palm Beach County. This agreement will re-establish the Local Option Gas Tax (LOGT) for a new 30-year term in accordance with Florida Statute. Additionally, the agreement will outline the sharing of proceeds between Palm Beach County and eligible municipalities.

Staff: Kimberly Wynn, Village Clerk

SUMMARY: The six-cent per gallon local option gasoline tax (LOGT) expires in August 2025 after 30 years. To continue the LOGT with the revenues divided between 66.6% of Palm Beach County and 33.3% of municipalities, a majority (51%) of the cities representing the municipal population must agree to readopt the LOGT and agree to the revenue split. This municipal approval needs to occur through an Interlocal agreement with the County.

Palm Beach County League of Cities' attorneys prepared the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the County Attorney's office.

The League will collect and present all executed interlocal agreements to the County as a package. The County agrees to maintain the 66.6%/33.3% revenue split.

Fiscal Impact: If readopted, the Village would receive 0.78719% of the municipalities' 33.3% percent share of the 6-cent local option gas tax. (Each city's share is based on the number of road lane miles and population [see Exhibit A]).

4. **Resolution No. 2025-10 - Budget Transfer from Council Contingency:** Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-10 for a budget transfer of \$79,000 from the Council Contingency to the General Government, Parks and Recreation, and Library Fund Accounts.

Staff: Mara Frederiksen, Finance Director

SUMMARY: The staff is requesting that the Village Council consider a \$79,000 transfer from the Council Contingency within the General Fund Budget. If approved, this budget transfer will amend the following department budgets based on actual costs and estimated projections for the remainder of the fiscal year:

- **General Government:** \$32,000 to cover land and survey costs for potential property purchases, as well as advertising costs due to the previous advertising vendor going out of business.
- **Parks and Recreation:** \$14,000 for roof repairs on the LAB Building.
- **Library:** \$33,000 to cover the cost of replacement end caps for library shelving, which were initially budgeted for FY 2024 but will not be purchased until FY 2025.

After this transfer, the Council Contingency will have a remaining balance of \$421,000. **Fiscal Impact:** This transfer will result in a net decrease of \$79,000 to the Village Council budget, with corresponding increases to the following department budgets:

- General Government \$32,000
- Parks and Rec \$14,000
- Library \$33,000

This will not affect the total General Fund Budget

5. **Resolution No. 2025-12 Contract Award (ITB# 2025B-005) with RMJ Contractors for the Lakewood Road Solar Lighting Project Phase 2 - CDBG funded:** Motion for the approval of Resolution No. 2025-12 to execute an Agreement with RMJ Contractors for ITB #2025B-005 (TO #311) for an amount not to exceed \$133,000 to install 18 new solar lighting poles along Lakewood Road between Kirk Road and Davis Road. This initiative is funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for Fiscal Year 2025.

Staff: Felipe Lofaso, Public Works Director

SUMMARY: The Village has received approval to install 18 new solar lighting poles along Lakewood Road between Kirk Road and Davis Road. This initiative is funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for Fiscal

Year 2025. The new solar lights are expected to enhance safety for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, and law enforcement along this corridor.

On November 26, 2024, the Village advertised ITB #2025B-005— Lakewood Road Solar Lighting Improvements Project Phase 2. Five (5) proposals were received after the bids were opened on January 9, 2025.

RMJ Contractors	133,000.00
Creative Contracting Group	223,000.00
Florida Lighting Maintenance	189,266.65
Champs Pro Services	185,350.20
Signal Technology Inc.	336,465.91

RMJ Contractors is recommended to award the project as the lowest, most responsive, and most responsible bidder. The total cost for this project is \$133,000.00, with funding coming from CDBG funds (total FY25 allocation is \$139,194). Task Order #311.

Fiscal Impact: The project is being fully funded by CDBG grant funds for Task Order #311, Account #01441-56300.

6. **Task Order No. 01 with KENCO Signs and Awning LLC for LED Message Board Sign at Village Hall:** Motion for the approval of Task Order No. 1 with KENCO Signs and Awning, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$79,000 for designing, manufacturing, and installing new LED message board signs throughout the Village, aimed at significantly enhancing wayfinding for residents and visitors alike.

Staff: Felipe Lofaso, Public Works Director

SUMMARY: On November 14, 2024, the Village Council approved a Design-Build Agreement with KENCO Signs and Awning LLC. This agreement focuses on designing, manufacturing, and installing new LED message board signs throughout the Village, aimed at significantly enhancing wayfinding for residents and visitors alike.

The plan outlines that each sign will be negotiated individually over the next three (3) years to ensure that the design, functionality, and costs meet the specific needs of various locations within the Village. The first LED message board is scheduled to be installed at the Davis Road entrance to Village Hall, which has been strategically chosen to provide information and guidance to those entering the facility.

The Village staff have been actively engaging with the vendor to finalize the design and associated costs for this initial sign. They are currently seeking the

Council's approval for Task Order No. 01, which covers the first installation at a cost not to exceed \$79,900. It is important to note that the budget allocated for this initial sign was set at \$100,000.

Fiscal Impact: Task Order No. 01 with KENCO Signs and Awning LLC is at a cost not to exceed \$79,900.00, funded from Account #01441-56300.

7. **Authorize Emergency Repair - Gravity Sewer Repair Davis Road - Utilities (FY 2025 Budget - Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund):** Motion to approve an emergency repair and piggyback an agreement with Indian River County for a repair on the Village's 4" gravity sewer line that runs across Davis Road. Integrated Solutions was hired for the repair, costing \$43,985.00. Funding to support the emergency purchase is available from the FY 2025 Budget-Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Staff: Jimmy Johnson, Director of Utilities

SUMMARY: The Utilities Department made an emergency repair on a 4" gravity sewer line that connects to a 12" gravity sewer main at the intersection of Davis Road and Pinehurst Road. The gravity sewer line that serves a resident collapsed in multiple places, including close to the connection to the gravity sewer main, causing an interruption in service. The gravity sewer line was too deep at the connection to the sewer main for Village staff to repair, and a contractor was required. Industry Standard Engineering Contractor was selected by Utilities to repair the gravity sewer line due to their immediate availability, and their willingness to allow the Village to utilize the pricing of their Utility Labor Services contract with Indian River County. The cost of repair and maintenance of traffic totals \$43,985.00, which the Village Manager approved as an emergency purchase.

Under the Village's Purchasing Code, Section 58-12, the item is now being presented to the Council for approval, as it exceeded the \$35,000 threshold.

To ensure the lowest possible price, the Village staff suggests piggybacking Indian River County's Utility Labor Services contract for potential future use. This contract is for various water distribution, wastewater collection, and lift station rehabilitation-related repairs or projects and was selected by Indian River County through a competitive selection process (RFP #2025005–August 8, 2024). The Village will accept Industry Standard's pricing, which is approved under Indian River County's contract, including all terms, conditions, and pricing. The proposed Indian River County contract will expire on October 22, 2026, and has two (2) additional (1) year renewal options.

The Village's Purchasing Code, Section 58-9, allows it to access contracts from other government agencies for goods and services. The Village may award a contract by piggybacking or accessing the goods and/or services from any State of Florida contract, contracts of any Florida political subdivision, or from any other governmental entity (other than the Federal government) provided that the same

or substantially similar goods and/or services were competitively solicited.

Fiscal Impact: Funds for this emergency repair are available within the FY 2025 Budget – Water and Sewer Fund. A budget amendment or internal budget transfer will be requested at a later date if needed.

8. **Approve Geographic Information System Services – Piggyback – All Departments (FY 2025 Budget Funded – All Funds):** Motion to approve the revised Fiscal Impact clarifying a portion of the total funding (\$10,000) will come from the Stormwater Fund which funds are budgeted within the FY 2025 Budget.

Staff: Kimberly Wynn, Village Clerk

SUMMARY: On October 10, 2024, Council Meeting Resolution No. 2024-52 was approved for Geographic Information System (GIS) services with Florida Technical Consultant, LLC's pricing by piggybacking the Town of Jupiter Island's contract. The portion of the funding assigned (\$10,000) to the Stormwater Fund was not identified in the Fiscal Impact Statement as part of the original agenda item. While the funding is contained in the FY 2025 Budget, this information is for public record.

Fiscal Impact: Original funding approval was \$144,000 on October 10, 2024. Funding to support services under the current agreement is available within the FY 2025 Budget and shall not exceed the appropriate fund balance. A budget amendment or internal budget transfer will be requested at a later date if needed for additional services.

9. **Resolution No. 2025-13 Amendment to Piggyback Agreement - Emergency Vehicle Equipment - FY 2025 General Fund - Police Department Shyft Group Upfit Services Inc./ Strobes-R-Us:** Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-13 an Amendment to the Piggyback Agreement with Broward County Sheriff's Office contract awarded to the Shyft Group Upfit Services Inc./Strobes-R-Us for \$122,961.68 to purchase emergency vehicle equipment to install on eight (8) 2025 marked patrol vehicles and five (5) 2025 unmarked vehicles. Funding is available in the FY 2025 Budget - General Fund - Vehicles.

Staff: Thomas Ceccarelli, Police Chief

SUMMARY: On November 14, 2024, the Village Council approved the continuation of the piggyback agreement with the Broward County Sheriff's Office contract awarded to Strobes-R-Us. This agreement will allow the Village to purchase and install equipment for our newly acquired vehicles, which is essential to support the public safety services and activities provided by our Police Officers. Through this Broward County Sheriff's Office bid, the Police Department secured a total price of \$122,961.68 for the necessary emergency equipment and lighting to outfit thirteen (13) vehicles, specifically:

- Eight (8) marked 2025 patrol vehicles at a cost of \$99,869.76

- Five (5) unmarked 2025 vehicles at a cost of \$23,091.92

Initially, the piggyback agreement had a limit of \$75,000. Therefore, an amendment is required to increase this limit to \$122,961.68 to proceed with the piggyback agreement.

The Village will ensure that spending does not exceed the amount allocated in the approved budget, which may be adopted or amended each year for these goods and services over the term of this contract.

According to the Village's Purchasing Code, Section 58-9 – Accessing Contracts of Other Government Agencies, the Village may award contracts by piggybacking or accessing goods and/or services from any State of Florida contract, contracts from any Florida political subdivision, or from any other governmental entity (excluding the Federal government), provided that the bids were competitive for the same or substantially similar goods and services.

Fiscal Impact: Funds to support this proposed purchase are available within the FY 2025 Budget - General Fund Allocated/Estimated Project Funding: Amount FY 2025 Approved Budget - Vehicles - General Fund

\$726,000 FY 2025. The total vehicle equipment costs will be \$122,961.68 for the purchase of emergency safety/lighting equipment for thirteen (13) vehicles: eight (8) marked and five (5) unmarked vehicles. The Village will not expend more than the amount in the approved budget as it may be adopted/amended each year for these goods and services over the term of this contract.

10. **Resolution No. 2025-15 First Amendment to Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement with Palm Beach County Board - Motion to approve the First Amendment to Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement with Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners for Direct Connect and Maintenance Services for Portable Police Radios from March 16, 2025, through March 16, 2030.**

Staff: Thomas Ceccarelli, Police Chief

SUMMARY: Under Florida Statutes, specifically the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act, public agencies are permitted to enter into agreements to jointly exercise any power, privilege, or authority which such agencies share in common and which each might exercise separately.

In 2017, the Council approved entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Palm Beach County (PBC) in order to access PBC's public safety trunked radio system. This provided the department with increased community and officer safety and was the most cost-efficient option. The current agreement with PBC has an initial term that is set to expire on March 16th, 2025. With the approval of the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement, the term of the

agreement will be renewed beginning on March 17th, 2025, and continuing through March 16th, 2030, pursuant to the exercise of the first renewal option for five (5) years. The only addition to the First Amendment is:

- Section 24: E-Verify – Employment Eligibility

The County's proposed fees for Unit Access, Replacement Fund Contribution, and System Maintenance are as follows:

One-Time Unit Access Charge:

- \$3,409.23/Unit

Replacement Fund Contribution:

- \$340.92/Unit per year

Annual System Maintenance Charge:

- \$135.61/Unit per year

Section 6.04 of the Interlocal Agreement provides: "The County may review and update the fees and charges identified in Sections 6.01, 6.02, and 6.03 once every three (3) years beginning in January 2021 and every three (3) years thereafter. The annual budget adjustment to the Interlocal Agreement in October 2024 increased the One-Time Unit Access fee from \$3,000.00 to \$3,409.23 and the Replacement Fund Contribution fee from \$300.00/Unit to \$340.92/Unit. It decreased the System Maintenance Program fee from \$163.53/Unit to \$135.61/Unit.

The Village currently maintains sixty-one (61) radios. The One-Time Unit Access Charge for the existing 61 radios has already been paid by the Village.

The initial proposed Interlocal Agreement has been prepared by Palm Beach County and reviewed by the Police Chief and the Village Attorney.

Fiscal Impact: Funding to support the Village's Annual System Maintenance Charge (\$8,272.21) and Replacement Fund Contribution (\$20,796.12) for a total cost of \$29,068.33, for the County's radio system is available within the FY2025 Police Department Budget with majority of the costs reimbursed through the PBC \$12.50 Equivalent Reimbursement Resolution.

The Village will not expend more than the amount in the approved budget as it may be adopted/amended each year for these goods and services over the term of this contract.

End of Consent Agenda....

Mayor Smith offered the public an opportunity to speak. There were no comments from the public.

Vice Mayor Waller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, and Council Member Brinkman seconded the motion. The said motion carried 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS

11. Proclamation Recognizing Women in Construction Week - March 2-8, 2025

Staff: Kimberly Wynn, Village Clerk

Mayor Smith acknowledged Ms. Cabrera and then presented her with the Women in Construction Proclamation.

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Appointment of Voting Delegate(s) to the Palm Beach County League of Cities: Motion to appoint a voting delegate and alternate(s) to serve a one-year term on the Palm Beach County League of Cities.

Staff: Kimberly Wynn, Village Clerk

SUMMARY: Every year, the Palm Beach County (PBC) League of Cities requests that each municipality designate a voting delegate and an alternate(s) if so desired, to vote on behalf of the Village of Palm Springs at the League of Cities general membership, special membership, and general membership functions. The appointed delegate(s) vote on official business items at membership meetings.

Currently, Mayor Smith is the voting delegate for the Village. Vice Mayor Waller, Mayor Pro Tem Schmitz, Council Member Ready, and Council Member Brinkman serve as alternates.

The Village Council is requested to appoint a voting delegate and alternate(s) to the PBC League of Cities.

Mayor Smith presented this item and opened it up for discussion. The Council nominated Mayor Smith as the Voting Delegate, with each of the Council as an Alternate Member.

Council Member Ready made a motion to approve the nomination of Mayor Smith as the Voting Delegate, with each of the Council as Alternate Members. Mayor Pro Tem Schmitz seconded the motion. The said motion carried 5-0.

Fiscal Impact: There is no direct fiscal impact on the village.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Smith opened the meeting for Public Comment. There were no comments from the public.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

13. **(Quasi-Judicial Hearing) Proposed Resolution No. 2025-14 - Site Development Plan Amendment (SPR25-01) with a Waiver - Palm Tran Public Transit Operation Center - 1200 South Congress Avenue: Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-14 for an application submitted by Ms. Beth Smith from Miskel Backman LLP, agent for the Applicant, MG Congress LLC, ("Applicant"), for a Site Plan Amendment (SPR25-01), to re-use the existing Off Lease Only car dealership as a 42,052 sq ft and a Waiver for Palm Tran Paratransit Operation Center to improve micro-transit services at 1200 South Congress Avenue.**

Staff: Iramis Cabrera, PZB Director

SUMMARY: Ms. Beth Smith, an Attorney with Miskel Backman LLP and agent for the applicant, MG Congress LLC, is requesting a site development plan amendment with one waiver (SPR25-01) to re-use the former Off Lease Only car dealership as a 42,052 square foot Palm Tran Paratransit Operation Center that includes professional offices, and ancillary uses including vehicle storage, vehicle fueling, detailing, minor repairs, and maintenance, to improve micro-transit services provided to the surrounding Palm Beach County community.

Although the Palm Tran Paratransit Operation Center is not for 24-hour use, the applicant is requesting a waiver to allow 24-hour operations, given the nature of public transit schedules, early morning and late-night fueling requirements, and vehicle inspections may be necessary.

Note: Village Code Section 34-865(1) limits the hours of operation for all uses that typically generate noise including, but not limited to, auto repair, carpentry, masonry, etc. in the light industrial land development district shall be restricted to 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. when adjacent to a residential zoning district. However, Section 34-866 provides that the Village Council may waive this requirement, provided that the spirit and intent of the light industrial land development district is complied with.

A professional office is permitted use in the Light Industrial zoning district, and minor auto repair and vehicle storage services are allowable as ancillary uses. The applicant intends to maintain the same site design and layout as previously approved, and the property will remain under unified control. Additionally, existing tenants will remain in the retail-office spaces fronting South Congress Avenue.

The Planning, Zoning & Building staff do not object to the proposed Site Development Plan Amendment and recommend conditional approval of the proposed project.

The Planning & Zoning Board will consider the proposal at its February 11, 2025

meeting, and their recommendation will be shared at the Council meeting.

Fiscal Impact: The proposed request is not expected to provide a direct fiscal impact on the Village; however, if approved, it would require various Village services that will result in increased expenditures on the Village.

Mayor Smith called for ex parte communication from the Council. There was no ex parte communication, but Mayor Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Schmitz, and Council Member Ready attended the Planning and Zoning Meeting. The Village Clerk, Ms. Wynn swore in the applicants.

Ms. Cabrera presented this item. She stated that Ms. Beth Smith from Miskel Backman LLP represents MG Congress LLC. They are seeking an amendment to a Site Development Plan (SPR25-01) to re-purpose the former Off Lease Only car dealership into a 42,052 square-foot Palm Tran Paratransit Operation Center. This facility will include professional offices and ancillary uses like vehicle storage, fueling, detailing, minor repairs, and maintenance, aimed at enhancing micro-transit services in Palm Beach County.

Although the center is not intended for 24-hour use, the applicant requests a waiver for round-the-clock operations due to public transit schedules and necessary early morning and late-night vehicle services.

Village Code limits operational hours for noise-generating activities to 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. adjacent to residential areas. However, the Village Council can grant waivers if the intent of the light industrial district is upheld. The project maintains the previously approved site design, and existing retail-office tenants on South Congress Avenue will remain.

She stated that the Planning, Zoning & Building staff do not object to the amendment and recommend conditional approval. The Planning & Zoning Board approved the proposal on February 11, 2025.

Ms. Bonnie Miskel with Miskel and Bachman (14 SE 4th Street), Agent for the Applicant, presented her testimony. She explained the proposal to convert the old Off Lease Only building into Palm Tran station that will function as an office space, maintenance and repairs, fueling and eventually a 24-hour dispatch. She entered her presentation into the record.

Mayor Smith offered the public an opportunity to speak.

Ms. Maria Brown at 2820 Oak Drive, and Susan Puhl at 2739 Oak Drive commented. They were in support of the business; however, there is a concern about noise and the floodlights that will spill over to their property. They are uncertain about a 24-hour operation. The previous business, Off Lease Only, was

a similar business, but it was not 24-hours.

Mr. Johnnie Tieche at 305-Winged Foot Drive talked about the fueling pumps. He wanted to know if they were stationery or mobile. The pumps will be mobile. The transport vehicles will refuel mid-morning and late at night at the end of their shift, which is generally before 11:00 PM.

Mr. Lou Ferry from Palm Tran advised that the routes are generally complete by 10:30 PM or 11:00 PM. There would generally be maintenance at night. He noted the property did not have floodlights; however, there were light poles with light installed that had some spillage.

Council Member Ready asked if dimmer lights could get placed in the back where the vehicles were located so as not to disrupt the neighbors. Mr. Ferry explained that the back parking lot is designated employee parking. Council Member Ready asked about the number of employees and if the vehicles used would be gas, diesel, or electric. The gas used at the property will be propane gas. Mayor Pro Tem Schmitz asked if the car wash bays were high enough to accommodate the vehicles. She was assured that the bays could support all of the vehicles. She also questioned how often the cars were washed. The car washing happens every other day, mainly inside the building.

The Village Attorney, Mrs. Goddeau, read the title of the caption to the record.

Council Member Brinkman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-14, Mayor Pro Tem Schmitz seconded the motion. The said motion carried. 5-0.

14. **Resolution No. 2025-17 - Public Notices on a Publicly Accessible Website:**
Motion for the approval of Resolution No. 2025-17 to authorize the Village of Palm Springs to publish Village notices on a publicly accessible website as an alternative to newspaper publications.

Staff: Kimberly Wynn, Village Clerk

SUMMARY: The Village Staff seeks authorization from the Village Council to publish public advertisements and notices on a publicly accessible website in lieu of publishing in a newspaper of general circulation.

The Governor has enacted Florida Statute 50.0311, publication of advertisements and public notices on a publicly accessible website and governmental access channels, which allows the Village to utilize Palm Beach County's publicly accessible website for publishing advertisements and public notices if the cost of doing so is less than the cost of publishing a newspaper of general circulation. The Village anticipates posting public notices on Palm Beach County's website as of April 1, 2025.

To use the publicly accessible website, the Village must:

1. Provide notice at least once per year in a newspaper of general circulation, indicating that property owners and residents may receive legally required advertisements and public notices from the Village by first-class mail or e-mail upon registering their name and address or e-mail address with the Village.
2. Maintain a registry of names, addresses, and e-mail addresses of property owners and residents who have requested in writing that they receive legally required advertisements and public notices from the Village by first-class mail or e-mail.

The Village Clerk, Ms. Wynn, presented this item. She explained the purpose is to notify the public about the Village's intent to begin advertising on the Palm Beach County Website around April 2025. This is in response to the Lake Worth Herald shutting down earlier in the year. Currently, there are nine (9) municipalities, one (1) Special District and the County utilizing the service. The current vendor is Civic Optimize.

In furtherance, the Village Attorney, Ms. Goddeau explained the benefits of online advertising. She mentioned that residents will have the option to choose which advertisements they would like to receive. Ms. Wynn advised the Council that bids would continue to be advertised in the Sun Sentinel and Palm Beach Post until the end of the fiscal year.

Council Member Ready made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-17. Vice Mayor Waller seconded the motion. The said motion carried 5-0.

Fiscal Impact: There is no direct fiscal impact.

ACTIONS AND REPORTS

At this time, Mayor Smith offered Battalion Fire Chief Martinez an opportunity to give the monthly Palm Beach County Fire Rescue report.

Chief Martinez reported on the concern about emergency vehicles having the ability to maneuver the round-a-bout on Greenbrier Drive and Davis. The larger vehicle used here can move around the Village. They are looking at whether the larger ladder fire truck can make the turn. The Council questioned Chief Martinez during the January meeting about future plans to move their Fire Station. He reported that they are exploring options to expand their station; however, there is no immediate plan. Chief Martinez gave the stats for the Village during the month of January. He would like to come to the meeting in March to give the Annual Report.

Mayor Smith opened the meeting to public comments and Council discussion.

Council Member Ready asked if there is a pre-incident plan for HOAs. He asked if

their agency flew drones. Lastly, he asked if other stations were able to maneuver the road.

VILLAGE MANAGER COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Village Manager.

VILLAGE COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Council complimented staff on the Touch-A-Truck event. Council Member Ready entered his list of activities to the record.

Vice-Mayor Waller spoke about her concerns regarding some of the residents not receiving notice due to receiving their mail late. Staff noted that notices were sent in a timely manner. There are reported delays with the postal service delivering mail. There are reported delays with the postal service delivering mail. However, additional notices were posted in the newspaper and on the website.

The Assistant Village Manager stated there would be three (3) meetings on March 13, 2025 (Affordable Housing Workshop, Local Planning Agency (LPA), then Regular Council). The first meeting is at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business discussion, Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM.

The undersigned is the Village Clerk of Palm Springs, Florida, and the information provided herein is the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on **February 13, 2025**. Which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Village Council on **March 13, 2025**.

Kimberly M. Wynn

Village Clerk

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M.
(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE LPA MEETING)**